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Pi Beta Phi earns residence

Pi Phi to be next living group to join dorm row

By Rob McQueen
NEWS EDITOR

Last Tuesday, MIT sorority Pi Beta Phi (Pi Phi) received a bid from the MIT Housing Office to lease 405 Memorial Drive, the house previously occupied by the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. After occupancy terms are discussed between MIT and Pi Phi and a formal agreement is signed, the sorority will be able to move into the new house starting in Fall 2012.

Before Pi Phi can move into the house, final renovations must be completed. The house has already been renovated with new exterior brickwork, new windows, and plumbing. To make the house compliant with the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the kitchen has been torn out and replaced as a wheelchair accessible entrance. According to Henry J. Humphreys of the Department of Residential Life and Dining, the final renovations should be done within the next month.

As part of the five-year lease agreement, all Pi Phi sisters who live at 405 Memorial Drive must subscribe to the new dining plan because the house will no longer include a kitchen. Humphreys says the current lease agreement will give Pi Phi a separate dining area where

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Get ready ... get set ... land-yacht!



TOP: ROBIN L. DEITS; BOTTOM: JENNIFER WANG
East Campus and Maseeh Hall residents race land-yachts during REX on Tuesday. A frenzied week-long build followed EC's challenge to Maseeh last week. Although both teams had produced fully functional yachts, there was not enough wind to race. The teams are looking forward to racing on the next windy day. **Top:** Maseeh students strap a rollerblade to their yacht. **Bottom:** EC and Maseeh racers gather outside 7-11 in Technology Square.

IN SHORT

La Verdes will resume its 24-hour service tonight. Now you can drink all the midnight coffee you want.

Interested in student groups? Activities Midway is today 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Athletic Center.

Fraternity and sorority rush starts this Saturday at 12 p.m. at the Killian Kickoff in Killian Court.

Petside.com recently ranked MIT the #7 most pet-friendly college of 2011. Topping the list was Eckerd College, which allows pets in one of their academic buildings, Brown Hall. Meow!

Ready for classes? Registration day is next Tuesday.

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MIT welcomes Pfizer to the neighborhood

Pharma giant signs 10-year lease on future 610 Main St. complex

By Ethan A. Solomon
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer announced yesterday that it signed a 10-year lease with MIT for 180,000 square feet of space in a building to be constructed at 610 Main St. The site is just north of MIT's main campus in the Technology Square area, several blocks up Main St. from the Kendall Square T-stop. Pfizer predicts they will move into the new building when it is completed by the end of 2013.

According to a Pfizer press release, the space will house the company's Cardiovascular, Metabolic, and Endocrine Disease (CVMED) and Neuroscience Research Units. The move will bring about 400 new jobs to Cam-

bridge, said the release.

Pfizer's expansion comes amidst a continuing push by MIT to bring high-tech companies to the Kendall Square area. MIT announced the development of the

space at 610 Main — currently a parking lot — earlier this year, in addition to a substantial overhaul of the area surrounding the Kendall T-stop.

"The agreement is good for the



Rendering of a lobby view of the future 610 Main St. complex. Pfizer announced yesterday it is signing a 10-year lease for 180,000 square feet of the yet-unconstructed building, predicted to be complete by the end of 2013.

growing innovation hub in Kendall Square, good for Cambridge, and good for MIT," said President Susan J. Hockfield in a statement on the MIT News Office website.

In the time before the construction is complete, the CVMED and neuroscience research groups will occupy Pfizer's building at 620 Memorial Dr. According to the press release, CVMED will move to the Memorial Dr. location at the "end of this summer," and the neuroscience group will follow in 2012.

MIT has also launched a website to market the 610 Main property — <http://sixtremenit.com/>. A map on the site suggests that the new complex at 610 Main will consist of two buildings — "South" and "North," with a courtyard between them.

EXPLORE THE Z-CENTER

MIT has one of the best gyms in the area. Have you been recently?

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No, not from zombies. From yourself.

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WELCOME, SMBC!

The Tech welcomes the newest addition to our webcomic lineup. Thanks, Zach Weiner!

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India and Pakistan exchange fire in Kashmir

By Lydia Polgreen
THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW DELHI — Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged fire over the border that divides the disputed province of Kashmir late Wednesday night, military officials in both countries said Thursday.

Each accused the other of starting the shooting. Maj. Gen.

Athar Abbas, the Pakistani army spokesman, said that Indian soldiers had killed three Pakistani soldiers in a volley of gunfire that was "totally unprovoked."

But Col. J.S. Brar, a spokesman for the Indian army in Kashmir, said that the shooting began over an infiltration attempt by Pakistani militants on Tuesday night and that Indian troops had fired across the contentious border

only after incoming fire wounded one of their soldiers. An Indian officer was killed, he added.

"The Indian army has never violated the cease-fire," Brar said.

Abbas said that Indian soldiers fired on three Pakistani paramilitary soldiers who were moving from one post to another in the Neelum Valley.

"They were engaged by fire from across the Line of Control,"

Abbas said, referring to the line that divides the disputed territory between the two estranged neighbors. "Subsequently, they lost their way, and later on their bodies were recovered yesterday."

Brar described the episode as an "infiltration attempt," adding that if "anybody tries to infiltrate to our side, whether a soldier or a terrorist, we will try to stop it."

For more than six years, the

two countries have maintained a cease-fire along the Line of Control. Brar insisted that the cease-fire had not been violated, but Abbas said that it had.

"We strongly protest this unprovoked violation of the cease-fire," he said. "Three troops lost their lives. This is serious business. We would like to know why it happened, and why our troops were fired upon."

WEATHER

In Irene's Wake, Katia Strengthens

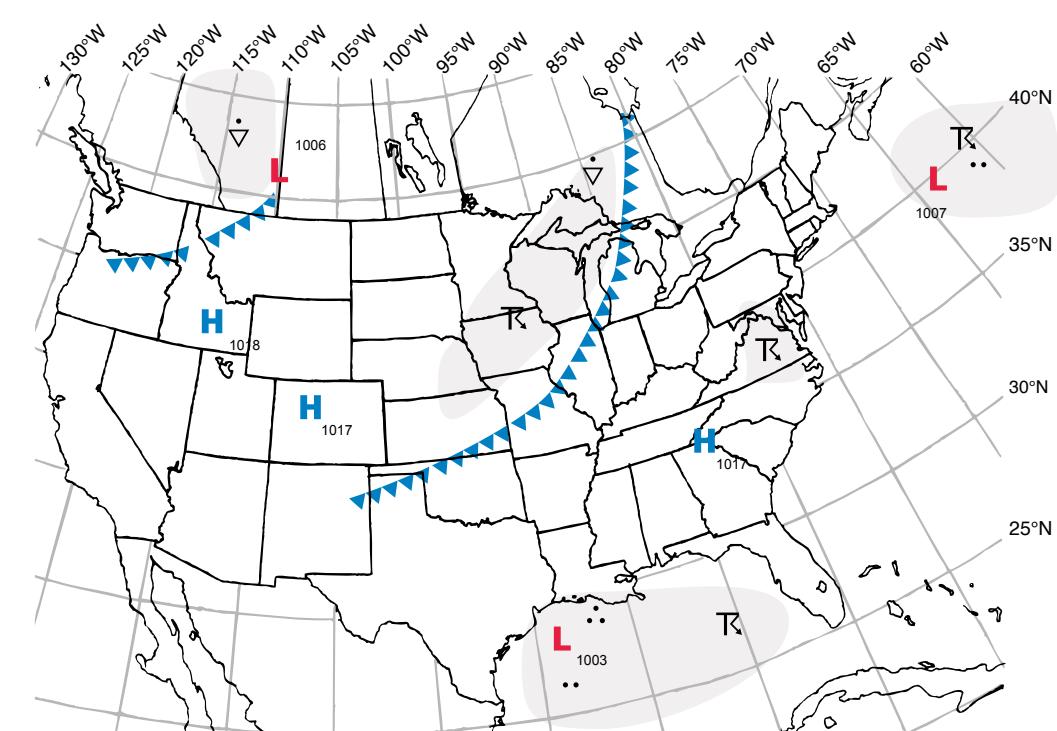
By Vince Agard
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Just days after Hurricane Irene killed at least 54 people and caused widespread flooding in the northeast United States, another tropical cyclone is brewing in the tropical Atlantic Ocean. Tropical Storm Katia, which last night was downgraded from hurricane status, is expected to reattain that status today, and is forecast to in-

tensify in the next few days as it moves westward toward the North American continent. In fact, Katia could become a major hurricane by early next week. Whether or Katia will threaten the U.S. will depend on the strength of the subtropical ridge several days out, which will dictate whether the storm turns to the north, or continues westward toward land. Still, Katia will not begin to near land for more than a week.

Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny and calm, high 77 °F (25 °C). Winds E at around 9 mph.
Tonight: Clear and calm, low 57 °F (14 °C). Winds becoming W at around 5 mph.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and breezier, high 86 °F (30 °C). Winds SW at 10-15 mph.
Sunday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s °F (27 °C).
Monday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s °F (27 °C).



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Friday, September 2, 2011

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U.S. is set to sue a dozen big banks over mortgages

By Nelson D. Schwartz
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The federal agency that oversees the mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is set to file suits against more than a dozen big banks, accusing them of misrepresenting the quality of mortgage securities they assembled and sold at the height of the housing bubble, and seeking billions of dollars in compensation.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency suits, which are expected to be filed in the coming days in federal court, are aimed at Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Deutsche Bank, among others, according to three individuals briefed on the matter.

The suits stem from subpoenas the finance agency issued to banks a year ago. If the case is not filed Friday, they said, it will come Tuesday, shortly before a deadline expires for the housing agency to file claims.

The suits will argue that the

banks, which assembled the mortgages and marketed them as securities to investors, failed to perform the due diligence required under securities law and missed evidence that borrowers' incomes were inflated or falsified. When many borrowers were unable to pay their mortgages, the securities they backed quickly declined.

Fannie and Freddie lost more than \$30 billion in part as a result of the deals, losses that were borne mostly by taxpayers.

In July, the agency filed suit against UBS, another major mortgage securitizer, seeking to recover at least \$900 million, and the individuals with knowledge of the case said the new litigation would be similar in scope.

Private holders of mortgage securities are already trying to force the big banks to buy back tens of billions in soured mortgage-backed bonds, but this federal effort is a new chapter in a huge legal fight

that has alarmed investors in bank shares. In this case, rather than demanding that the banks buy back the original loans, the finance agency is seeking reimbursement for losses on the securities held by Fannie and Freddie.

Bank of America and JPMorgan declined to comment. Frank Kelly, a spokesman for Deutsche Bank, said, "We can't comment on a suit that we haven't seen and hasn't been filed yet."

But privately, financial service industry executives argue that the losses on the mortgage-backed securities were caused by a broader downturn in the economy and the housing market, not by how the mortgages were originated or packaged into securities.

Bank officials also counter that further legal attacks on them will only delay the recovery in the housing market, which remains moribund, hurting the broader economy.

Discovery of zinc- and bromine-laden Mars rock excites scientists

By Kenneth Chang
THE NEW YORK TIMES

It has been driving on and off for more than seven years, but this month it reached its new destination. Opportunity, a small exploratory rover that landed on Mars in 2004, has trundled to a crater called Endeavour.

And the first rock it looked at has already opened a new chapter in the study of Mars, NASA scientists said Thursday. During a telephone news conference, mission scientists giddily described that rock: full of zinc and bromine, elements that, at least for rocks on Earth, would be suggestive of geology formed with heat and water.

"This rock doesn't look like anything else we've seen before" on Mars, said Steven W. Squyres, a professor of astronomy at Cornell and principal investigator of the rover mission.

The rim of Endeavour — a 14-mile-wide depression that was carved out by an impact long ago —

consists of rocks from an earlier geological era that the impact lifted up from below. If the aging rover holds up, it could spend years examining the new terrain, giving NASA scientists ample grist for discovery.

Scientists are most interested in a close-up look at clay deposits that have been detected from orbit by another craft — NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter — but that Opportunity has yet to find. Clay forms in the presence of liquid water, and the deposits suggest a warmer, wetter period in Mars' past that may have offered friendlier conditions for life.

"This is a brand new mission, brand new landing site for all intents and purposes, geologically," Squyres said. "A whole new set of puzzles for us to go off and solve."

Opportunity and a twin rover, Spirit, arrived on Mars in January 2004, landing on different sides of the planet with the goal of exploring the surface for signs of past water. Spirit got its wheels stuck in a sand trap in May 2009 and could not get its solar panels pointed toward the

sun; unable to generate enough electricity, it stopped communicating in March 2010 and is not expected to be heard from again.

But Opportunity, about the size of a golf cart, continues rolling on. It has now driven 20 miles. It had been designed to travel about two-thirds of a mile. When it landed in 2004, it rolled by chance into Eagle Crater, which is 70 feet in diameter, and over the years explored a series of progressively larger craters. Three years ago, Opportunity — which had already far outlived its original mission — set off on a journey that no one was confident it would complete. It drove 13 miles to Endeavour, arriving on Aug. 9.

Opportunity is now usually driven backward to even out the wear on the gears. One of the joints on the robotic arm is stuck.

Both rovers have discovered evidence of liquid water, albeit water that is highly acidic, like sulfuric acid, that made parts of ancient Mars potentially habitable, at least intermittently.

Libyan rebels extend deadline for Gadhafi forces to surrender

By David D. Kirkpatrick and Rick Gladstone
THE NEW YORK TIMES

TRIPOLI, Libya — The Libyan rebels' transitional government on Thursday extended by a week its ultimatum demanding the surrender of the loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi who control his hometown, Surt. Also Thursday, the fugitive Libyan leader released an audio recording proclaiming that Surt was now the Libyan capital.

The extension of the deadline was an attempt to avoid a bloody confrontation that could impede the hoped-for reconciliation of the divided country.

Rebel leaders have said that they are negotiating with tribal elders within Surt to try to broker a peaceful handover of the city, and Abdel Hafidh Ghoga, deputy chairman of the rebels' leadership council, told The Associated Press that the deadline had been

extended because "there are good indications that things are moving in the right direction."

But the rebels also know that Surt had proved insurmountable for their fighters even before they were stretched thin guarding Tripoli to the west.

Gadhafi, meanwhile, marked the anniversary of his 1969 coup with two audio messages, released over Arabic language television networks, that seemed both to bait the rebels and to flout reality. Rambling, disjointed and defiant to the point of delusion, his messages almost dared the rebels to find him. He not only declared his tribal hometown to be the new capital but also insisted that the committees of his government were now meeting there.

They were his first messages in more than a week on the run. He implored his supporters to fight on, calling for "guerrilla warfare" and "urban fighting" that would

leave the country "engulfed by flames."

The rebels scoffed at his bravado.

"The insurgency will drive him out," said Ali Sallabi, a prominent Islamist scholar among the revolt's leaders. "His era has ended for good."

Gadhafi has been a fugitive since the rebels invaded Tripoli late last month in what quickly became a decisive turn in the six-month conflict.

Rebel officials said they thought Gadhafi was hiding in the desert town of Bani Walid, 150 miles southeast of Tripoli. It is the homeland of Libya's largest tribe, the Warfalla, which has a historic relationship as a patron of his own smaller tribe.

Aside from Surt and Bani Walid, the third stronghold where he may be hiding is the town of Sabha in southern Libya, another outpost of his tribe.

T-Mobile may suffer if AT&T merger deal falls through

When AT&T agreed to buy T-Mobile USA in March, the deal looked like a happy fate for a company that had been losing customers and facing declining sales.

But should the lawsuit filed by the Justice Department on Wednesday kill the proposed merger, some analysts say, it could leave T-Mobile in a much worse position than it was in before the deal was announced, its competitiveness sapped by months spent in limbo.

"This is a business that is treading water," said Robin Bienenstock, an analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. who tracks T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom, its parent company. "They have to go back into the market in the meantime, and they are going to have to figure out a way to build momentum in their core business."

T-Mobile has long staked its reputation on offering low-cost service plans. But in recent months, the company has lost ground to its larger rivals, AT&T, Verizon Wireless and Sprint, which have lured away subscribers with popular devices like the iPhone and the promise of faster networks and services.

—Jenna Wortham, *The New York Times*

Study suggests higher cancer risk for 9/11 firefighters

A new study says firefighters who toiled in the wreckage of the World Trade Center in 2001 were 19 percent more likely to develop cancer than those who were not there, the strongest evidence to date of a possible link between work at ground zero and cancer.

The study, published Thursday in the British medical journal *The Lancet*, included almost 10,000 New York City firefighters, most of whom were exposed to the dust and smoke created by the twin towers' fall. The findings indicate an "increased likelihood for the development of any type of cancer," said Dr. David J. Prezant, the chief medical officer for the New York Fire Department, who led the study. But he said the results were far from conclusive. Cancer is not on the list of illnesses covered by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which has set aside \$4.3 billion to treat, compensate and monitor those suffering from health problems associated with the attacks and their aftermath, like asthma and other respiratory ailments. But the law requires officials at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to conduct periodic reviews of studies to assess whether to add illnesses to the list.

The first review, released on July 26, said that available research had not yet confirmed a link between exposure to substances released after the attack and cancer. But the study published Thursday is the largest assessment of cancer to date in firefighters who worked at ground zero.

The report studied cancer occurrence in nearly 10,000 male fire department personnel in the seven years after Sept. 11, 2001. Of those in the study, 8,927 were classified as exposed, meaning they spent at least one day at the World Trade Center site in the 10 months after Sept. 11. Almost all of those were exposed in the first two weeks after the attack. There were 263 cancer cases in the exposed population, reflecting a cancer rate 19 percent higher than that of the group not exposed.

—Sydney Ember, *The New York Times*

Rebels vow to keep up fight for political change in Sudan

KAMPALA, Uganda — Rebels in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan, where armed conflict is inflaming tensions between the government and the newly independent Republic of South Sudan, are not only preparing for a protracted war in the region but also vowing to take the fight nationwide to pursue political change in Sudan.

Abdel Aziz al-Hilu, a rebel leader, said this week that his forces, which have been on the defensive against the Sudanese Army, were gaining recruits, preparing to go on the offensive and would "continue until we reach Khartoum," the Sudanese capital.

"Everybody is a soldier," Abdel Hilu said. "People have said enough is enough."

He added, "We have no choice: We have to continue fighting, to defend our people and also for regime change in Khartoum."

The rebel leader, a losing candidate last year in an election for governor that helped ignite tensions in the region, denied being supported by South Sudan. He said that his insurgents had captured dozens of armored vehicles, retrieved weapons and shot down Sudanese military aircraft.

—Josh Kron, *The New York Times*

Car buyers unfazed by storms, financial and tropical

DETROIT — Despite disruptions from Hurricane Irene and signs of a slowing economy, Americans bought more cars in August.

General Motors, the Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler all posted impressive gains from a year earlier in their August data released on Thursday. Industrywide, sales rose 7.5 percent from a year ago and 1.2 percent from July, according to the Autodata Corp., which tracks auto sales.

"Consumers are getting used to making these big-ticket item purchase decisions in an everlasting, chaotic, uncertain economic environment," said Jesse Toprak, vice president for industry trends and insight at TrueCar.com, an automotive research firm.

Almost all of the 20 largest automakers have sales gains for the year to date. The only exceptions are Honda and Toyota, whose dealers have struggled to keep their lots stocked sufficiently since the earthquake and tsunami struck Japan early this year. Honda's sales in the U.S. fell 24.3 percent last month from August 2010, and Toyota's sales declined 12.7 percent.

GM sales rose 18 percent, and Ford reported an 11.1 percent increase. But both companies are having trouble keeping up with demand for their respective compact cars, the Chevrolet Cruze and Ford Focus, among other models. Chrysler said its August sales rose 30.6 percent, including a 58 percent increase for its Jeep brand of sport utility vehicles.

—Nick Bunkley, *The New York Times*

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EDITORIAL

Wear a helmet!

You made it to MIT. Don't throw it all away.

For most MIT students, a brain is their most prized asset. So for the subset of those students who bike to class or work, we have one simple message: Wear your damn helmet.

Despite enthusiastic campaigns from federal transportation and safety agencies, only about 20 to 25 percent of all bicyclists wear helmets, according to a 2008 report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Anecdotally, it's more common to see bicyclists on this campus without helmets than with.

And yet 70 percent of all fatal bicycle crashes involve head injuries — and helmets are 85-88 percent effective in mitigating head and brain injuries. You can do the math: How many of the 600-700 people who die every year in bike crashes would survive if they took the time to put on a helmet?

However, helmet use is not uncontroversial. Some claim that mandatory helmet laws discourage overall bicycle use, contributing to more unhealthy lifestyles. Still others say that helmet use lulls riders into a false sense of safety, distracting cyclists from other important aspects of road

safety. Undeniably, the NHTSA's statistics may not paint an entirely complete picture.



But the question that MIT students face is not one of policy. On an individual level, riders are substantially safer when they wear helmet, assuming they don't see a helmet as an excuse to otherwise ride recklessly.

Since riding bicycles, like nearly everything else, carries risk, smart cyclists take steps to mitigate that risk. Especially in unpredictable environments like MIT — full of vehicles (both on and off clearly marked

roadways), pedestrians, other bikers, and the aberrant frisbee — a helmet is critical even during the shortest of rides.

MIT students' rationalizations for not wearing a helmet reveal flawed risk-benefit calculations. "It makes me look like a dork," or "They're uncomfortable," are not good reasons to risk critical brain function.

So while the overall risk of riding a bicycle is not extraordinarily high, the cost of wearing a helmet is so extraordinarily low that everybody should do it. In any case, it's just a no-brainer to wear a helmet — our skulls were not designed with high-velocity impacts in mind.

And if self-preservation is not enough of a motivator, take a more selfless stance. Insured or not, the cost of treatment and emergency transport for head injuries — entirely preventable by wearing a helmet — are a burden on the rest of society. Don't make the rest of the world pay because you think you look silly wearing a helmet.

Be nice to your brain. Turn over a new leaf this semester and start wearing a helmet.

GETTING OUT OF THE RED

The crisis in disability insurance

Social Security has millions retire early, live on the government's tab

By Keith Yost

STAFF COLUMNIST

Social Security is primarily made of three insurance programs: old age insurance, insurance against on-the-job injuries (workers compensation), and insurance against career-ending disabilities (disability insurance). Old age insurance, being the bulk of Social Security, is what comes up in conversation most often. But the remainder of Social Security is in dire need of reform as well, and if Congress paid a little more attention to Disability Insurance (DI) in particular, they might go a considerable way toward fixing the nation's budget deficit.

DI is a federally administered program, but the decision of which workers are eligible for benefits is left to state-run medical boards. Workers are eligible to claim disability if they have not held "substantial gainful employment" (received wages greater than \$1000 per month) for the past five months. The state boards then review the applicant's medical condition, and make a decision as to whether the applicant is impaired to a degree that would prevent him or her from returning to gainful employment. If accepted, claimants can receive disability insurance benefits equivalent to their full retirement benefit from Social Security's old age insurance program for the rest of their life. They are also eligible, after two years, to receive Medicare coverage as well.

The problem inherent in disability insurance is that not all disabilities are easily

observable, and the state medical boards tasked with weeding the fakers from the truly disabled are quite poor at their job. In a study of DI, economists took a random sample of cases that were reviewed by state boards and resubmitted them to the same boards a year later, (with a different name attached to the application). The result was that the boards frequently failed to reaffirm their own decision — in nearly a quarter of instances, the board came to two different conclusions when given the same case twice.

As a consequence of the medical boards' confusion, DI has attracted applications from several workers who are not significantly disabled, but merely want the government to pay for an extended vacation. These freeriders typically come out of the woodwork during recessions, but since they rarely ever leave after being accepted, the fraction of men choosing not to work has been slowly ratcheted upward. Between 1960 and 1980 (the immediate aftermath of DI's passage), the labor force non-participation rate of working age men doubled, and the rolls of DI have only continued to swell ever since.

In 2009, the United States government spent \$194 billion on disability insurance, \$28 billion in administration costs \$96 billion in direct payouts to disabled workers, and \$70 billion in associated Medicare costs. These costs, absent reform, are projected to increase at a rate of more than 3 percent per annum. Within this program, there is a significant opportunity to reduce costs, while retaining care for the disabled.

To cut DI entirely would leave millions of truly disabled with miserable prospects. However, a careful trimming of DI's generosity could go a long way in throwing out the bathwater while keeping the baby. If rejection rates by state medical boards were raised by 10 percent, and disability benefits were reduced by 10 percent, labor force participation rates among older men would go up by approximately 6 percent, cutting the rolls of DI almost in half, while retaining most of the program's intended beneficiaries. The disabled won't stop applying for DI just because the program becomes a shade less generous, but for those who have actual alternatives besides DI, a worsening of DI's payout would have a marked effect on their decision making.

Were these cuts applied not just to future DI participants, but current ones as well, we would likely see two things: firstly, tens of billions of dollars in additional tax revenues as workers return to their jobs, and secondly, a reduction in Social Security costs of more than half a trillion dollars over the next ten years.

The cuts are not without a downside — raising the rejection rate will mean some additional disabled persons will not receive insurance, and reducing the program's benefits will mean lower transfers to the honestly incapacitated. But with more than half a trillion dollars at stake, these are cuts that deserve to be made.

Action: Reduce disability benefits by 10 percent and reduce admission rates by 10 points. **10-Year Savings:** Over \$500 billion.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

The pro-life case**Pro-life, from Page 5**

ban would lead to "back-alley" abortions. This is not an argument at all; it is a claim. It is a claim that is very likely true, but it in no way logically leads to the

Liberty is a right insofar as it does not infringe on others' rights.

conclusion that abortion should not be banned or restricted. Do back-alley heroin deals prevent us from outlawing heroin? Since there are back-alley murders, robberies, and vandalism, why don't we just legalize those crimes too? It is common sense to state that, if something is made illegal, there are still going to be individuals who do it. In the context of

abortion, the people who make this claim are concerned because if someone is conducting an abortion in a "back-alley", it is doubtful they'll be doing it in a medically safe way. I have some news for these folks: there's no medically safe way to murder someone. Regardless of how it's done, in the end, they're dead. And if the mother contracts an infection because of her illegal acts, that is unfortunate, but when you do something illegal, you know the risks. Whether it is a disease, a stint in jail, or even death, terrible acts often have terrible consequences.

If you truly believe that, on the list of civil rights, liberty trumps life, then there is nothing I can argue to convince you otherwise. The argument I have made is based on the assumption that liberty is a right insofar as it does not infringe on others' rights, of which the greatest of these is life. For without life, none of the other rights matter.

The pro-choice case**Pro-choice, from Page 5**

agency. This highlights one of the most misunderstood aspects of the pro-choice platform. We want people who want to have babies to have them. Pro-life advocates often trot out the argument that otherwise-aborted children could simply be put up for adoption or enter foster care. The sad fact is that there aren't enough loving homes to accommodate even the children we already have, let alone the hundreds of thousands more per year that would enter society if abortion were nonexistent. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, well over 100,000 children under age 16 in foster care find themselves without permanent parents at the end of the year. A study by Mark Courtney at the University of Chicago revealed that "37 percent of foster youth aged 17-20 had not completed [a] high school degree or received a GED" and that

"12 percent of the youth reported being homeless at least once since leaving care." Clearly these youth are not being served well by the system.

If ostensibly pro-life individuals actually care about the lives and the well-being of real people, they would support programs like family planning, food assistance, and other social safety nets. If pro-life individuals actually wanted to reduce the number of abortions, they would support programs that educate and empower women, provide sex education beyond proselytizing abstinence, and provide medical care to the poor. I think we can all agree that abortion is not inherently a "positive" thing — arguably ending any life is at least a little bad — but if we want to be serious about how to reduce the incidence of abortion, the answer is not to ban the procedure but to address the underlying causes that drive people to obtain them.

Embracing Africa's newest nation*From the ashes of decades of conflict, opportunity rises***By Rachel Bandler**

STAFF COLUMNIST

After decades of brutal fighting that left millions dead, South Sudan finally seceded from the North on July 9, forming the Republic of South Sudan. Led by President Salva Kiir, the South has many serious obstacles to overcome, including vast poverty, ongoing conflict with the north, and internal tribal violence. Regardless, secession is a vital step on Sudan's journey towards a long-awaited prosperity, and it is important that the United States not only endorses the split, but also extends support to the months-old nation during this critical time of development, when the South's government can so easily unravel.

Demographically, Sudan is largely comprised of Arabs and Muslims in the north and Christians and Animists in the south. This cultural and religious divide has led to fierce fighting between the North and South for almost the entirety of Sudan's post-colonial existence, beginning in 1956. Highly contested border regions, such as the Abyei region, have fueled the ongoing conflict.

Since 1983 Sudan has been ruled by Omar Hassan al-Bashir, the leader of a small group of Arabs who has reportedly sent death squads to Darfur, collaborated with Osama bin Laden, and been indicted for war

crimes by the International Criminal Court. Although the South has fought for its independence for decades, it only achieved its goal this year with a referendum for secession that passed with 99 percent of voters in the south. This internationally supported referendum solidified the independence of the Republic of South Sudan, which had been partially autonomous since 1995.

The United States, along with the rest of the Western world, should reach out with guidance and support to the fledgling Republic of South Sudan and help maintain her independence. Moreover, in a region where ethnic violence is highly retaliatory, it is important to help the South and North learn not only to exist alongside one another, but also to form a relationship of cooperation. This is especially true because their

the two countries to invest in each other, for example, by exclusively buying oil which both the North and South helped produce. This should be especially appealing to North Sudan, which is currently faced with heavy economic sanctions by the United States.

For cooperation to emerge, the North must accept the South's independence as reality. It is unrealistic to believe that the North and South will ever have overly warm relations, especially after the years of fighting and long history of hatred between them. On the other hand, functional neutrality — perhaps with some amiability — is possible if the North and South learn, over time, to trust one another. This will lead to mutual success, and will benefit both nations.

The take home message of Sudan's experience is an anti-imperialist one. Not only

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economies are intertwined and codependent; the South contains about 75 percent of Sudan's crude oil reserves, while the North has the necessary refineries and pipelines to process and transport the oil. In order to encourage cooperation, the United States should provide an economical incentive for

was it unwise for the northern and southern regions of Sudan to be joined as one, but it was fatal for millions of citizens. Forcefully combining African and Arab cultures, where the latter would come to politically suppress the former, was recipe for disaster. Nationalism is a force that cannot be easily

acquiesced, a fact that has been observed throughout history. For instance, it was ethnic tensions and nationalism that led to the "powder keg" in the Balkans and ultimately contributed to the outbreak of World War I.

To this day, however, no complete borders dividing the North and South have been defined, resulting in high instability along their interface. Determining the borders of a state is far from simple, and certainly cannot be determined simply by land area or resources. Sudan's history has shown that ethnic and religious demographics need to be considered, along with security concerns and historical claims to the land; no continent can be arbitrarily carved into pieces.

That is why the Republic of South Sudan needs to be bolstered — because a failure to do so could mean a collapse of the government, regress to chaos and suppression, a likely retaliation from the North, and the continuation of a conflict caused by imposed borders. On a positive note, doing so can help the Republic of South Sudan develop into a staunch democratic ally for the U.S., which should be warmly welcomed considering the radical Islamic ties of nearby countries, including North Sudan. After a long history of suffering and death, then, the Republic of South Sudan is a nation to be celebrated and welcomed by the international community.



Low turnout for adjustment lottery, higher transfer rate

16% of frosh ask to move, 80% successfully transfer dorms; Baker, Bexley have highest retention-preference rate

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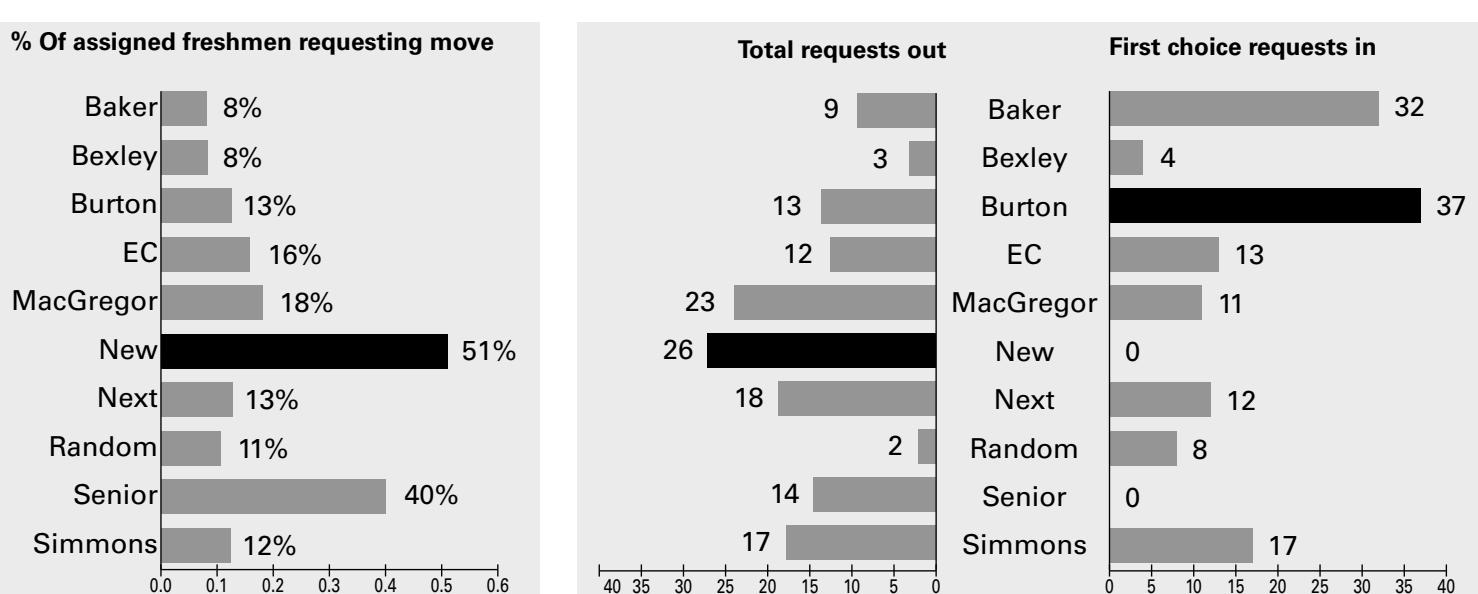
Hall, which also have mandatory dining plans, took the No. 6 and No. 8 spots in the preference ranking, respectively. Aside from cultural houses in New House, Senior House received the fewest first, second, or third choice options.

Aside from the new popularity of Maseeh Hall — which was never before an option — these results are not drastically different compared to 2010 and 2009 numbers. Last year, Burton-Conner, Baker, Simmons, MacGregor and New House rounded out the top five. In 2009, the top five were Baker, Simmons, Burton-Conner, MacGregor, and Next House, in that order.

But what about the adjustment lottery? What kind of impact did the residence exploration period (REX) have on dorm preferences?

First, remember that Maseeh Hall and McCormick Hall do not permit residents to enter the adjustment lottery. Second, note that 137 freshmen entered the re-adjustment lottery. That's 12 percent of the total class, or 16 percent of those eligible to move.

Assuming all else is equal, the mandatory dining plan did not appear to have a significant impact on the adjustment preferences this year compared to 2010. Only 12 percent of freshmen originally assigned to Simmons and 8 percent assigned to Baker requested to leave (14 and 10 percent last year, respectively). Next House, in fact, had significantly more loyal freshmen this year — only 13



Transfer request rates in the 2011 adjustment lottery. Right: first-choice requests into and total requests out of adjustment-eligible dorms. Left: percentage of freshmen temporarily housed in a dorm who requested to transfer out in the adjustment lottery.

percent asked to leave, compared to 36 percent last year.

Though East Campus did not build their iconic coaster this year, they did something right: only 16 percent of freshmen originally assigned there entered the adjustment lottery, compared to 40 percent last year. As in 2010, a large number of New House freshmen asked to leave — 51 percent (last year, it was 66 percent).

Requests out aren't the only indicator of dorm preference. Like in 2010, Baker and Burton-Conner were two of the three most popular re-

quested dorms in the adjustment lottery this year. But Simmons — which was just as popular as Burton-Conner last year — was not as popular this year (though it was still the third most-requested dorm in the adjustment lottery).

Notably, significantly fewer students entered the adjustment lottery this year. Since at least 2007, between approximately 200 and 250 freshmen entered the adjustment lottery each year. But this past week, only 137 freshmen asked to switch. Lower adjustment demand could stem from a greater proportion of freshmen who

live in Maseeh, which does not allow residents to enter the adjustment lottery. Forty percent of Maseeh residents — nearly 200 people — are freshmen. Additionally, Hurricane Irene's disruption of REX events may have contributed to the low adjustment demand.

And while the number of students who entered the adjustment lottery was low, the proportion who received a new assignment was much higher this year. Of 137 who requested a new housing assignment, 109 were reassigned (80 percent transfer rate) — only slightly fewer

than the number of reassessments in 2009 and 2010.

This year, 65 percent of freshmen got their first-choice pick in the summer housing lottery — a five-year high by a 1 percent margin.

Finally, keep in mind that no single change in MIT's housing system, be it the opening of a new dorm or a new dining system, can fully account for year-to-year preference changes. The statistics presented here are useful for gleaning general trends, but should not be relied upon to make rigorous conclusions about the impact of housing or dining changes.

Resignations shake faith in Columbia Pres. Bollinger

Provost and undergraduate dean departures make faculty question leadership's commitment to diversity

By Alan Schwarz
THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — Several Columbia University professors said this week that the recent resignations of two high-ranking black administrators have shaken their confidence in the institution's president, Lee C. Bollinger, and reignited concerns among their colleagues about other aspects of his leadership.

Frederick C. Harris, a professor of political science and director of Columbia's Institute for Research in African-American Studies, said in an interview that the resignation of the university's provost, Claude M. Steele, in June, followed by the more acrimonious departure last week of the undergraduate dean, Michele M. Moody-Adams, were significant not just because the officials were the first African-Americans to hold those key positions, but because their authority appeared to wither during their tenures.

Harris said that he wrote to Bollinger this week to explain how the departures "have shaken my confidence — as well as the confidence of many others at Columbia — in the ability of Columbia to maintain diverse leadership at the top."

Another African-American professor, June Cross of the journalism school, said in an interview on Wednesday, "I'm not saying race is the issue, but it is the subtext."

She added, "Michele Moody-Adams was advertised as, 'Here's our commitment to diversity.' If you're not going to stand behind what you say you hired her to do, what does that say about your commitment?"

Such criticisms are unusual for Bollinger, who built a national reputation defending affirmative action cases at the University of Michigan, and has brought more minority students and faculty members to Columbia's campus in Morningside Heights. In an interview Thursday, he acknowledged the criticism but said it was off-base.

"While some may perceive an issue of diversity involved here in both resignations, I'm confident that that's not either the explana-

tion, nor is it in any way a reflection of the institution's commitment to diversity," Bollinger said. "It's certainly not mine, in any event."

Moody-Adams, who is remaining at Columbia as a tenured professor in the philosophy department, declined to discuss her resignation or her colleagues' response to it. Steele, now the dean of Stanford University's School of Education, said that the questions about racial implications were a "rational reaction," but, at least in his particular case, misplaced.

"If I were in the shoes of the fac-

ulty member I would have the same concern," Steele said. "You have to take events like this seriously. But this had nothing to do with my identity or the provost's office; it had to do with this opportunity at Stanford at this time of my life. I have the strongest feelings for Columbia."

Bollinger has met and even courted his share of controversy since arriving at Columbia in 2002, particularly with his defense of a speaking invitation to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran, who has called the Holocaust a myth, and his handling of allega-

tions that Jewish students were being harassed by pro-Palestinian faculty members.

Interviews with more than a dozen Columbia faculty members over the past week indicated that, any racial concerns aside, the resignations had come at a time of growing dissatisfaction with some of Bollinger's policies — particularly those regarding employment benefits and the undergraduate college's role in the larger research university.

A frank email Moody-Adams sent to trustees and alumni claimed that her voice had not been "taken

seriously" regarding policies that would "ultimately compromise the college's academic quality and financial health."

Moody-Adams did not mention race in the email, focusing instead on what she and others have perceived as the undergraduate college's shrinking role within the ever-sprawling research university. That discussion has been going on at Columbia for many years, as have faculty complaints about pensions and other benefits, which were the focus of a heated meeting with Bollinger in April.

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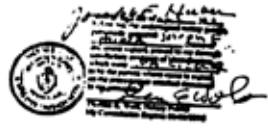
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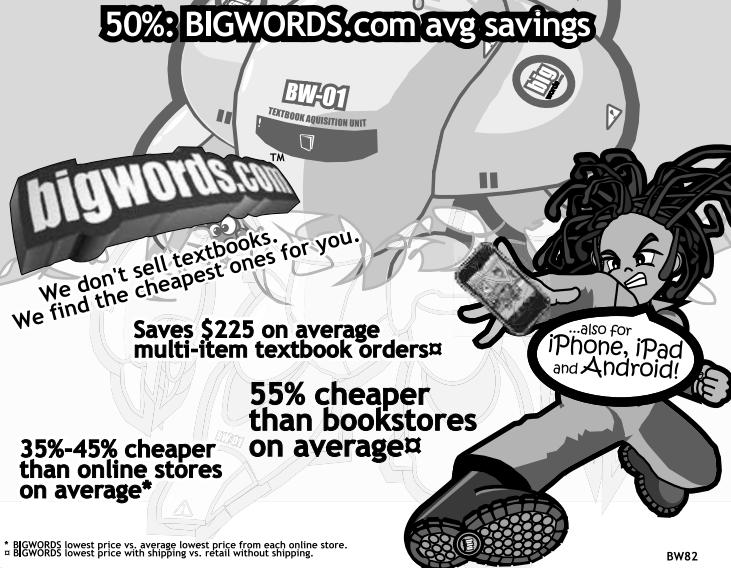
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ones they originally pre-registered for.

After making changes to their schedule as necessary, students submit the form to their advisors, who will look over the form and confirm the student's selections. Upon confirmation, a notification and second confirmation will be sent to the student. When the student accepts the second confirmation, the subject selections will be locked.

Online registration aims to eliminate paper from the registration process while accomplishing the same goals with increased efficiency. Students and advisors are still expected to meet

face-to-face to discuss subject selection; online registration facilitates the paperwork but not at the intended expense of cutting down in-person student-advisor interaction.

Students pursuing a double major with at least one major or program within the pilot courses are eligible to register online with that department. But if a student's home department is not part of the pilot, they might have to submit a paper registration with that department (and should check with their home department to find out). All other students must register with the traditional paper process with their advisors.

Additionally, online registration will be accessible from

iPhones, Androids, and BlackBerry smartphones, displaying pages formatted specifically for the device. Academic advisors and registration officers will be able to view and approve their advisees' registration forms, and students will have the option of reviewing subject selections and completing registration. Currently, the mobile version does not allow modification of subject selections.

Following this pilot, the Registrar's Office and Information Services & Technology (IS&T) will determine the next steps necessary to further implement the online registration system. If all goes well, all students will eventually be on the new system.

—Anne Cai



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Pi Beta Phi will be moving in to the MIT-owned property at 405 Memorial Dr. next year. The house was formerly occupied by the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and has since undergone big renovations.

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Pi Phi to move in by 2012

Building needs permits, fixing

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Bon Appetit — the dormitory dining vendor — will deliver food. Further details about this plan are not currently available.

The leasing agreement will also include expectations for living standards set by MIT. The details of the lease will follow closely to what was included in the lease given to Kappa Alpha Theta when they moved into Green Hall. Sisters living in the new house will pay their housing expenses directly to the MIT Housing Office, which still has ownership of the property.

According to Marlena Martinez Love, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs), Pi Phi was the only living group that applied to occupy 405 Memorial Drive. Pi Phi's application was reviewed by a committee made up of Love, Association of Independent Living Groups Representative Robert V. Ferrara (also a senior administrator in the Division of Student Life), Director of Housing Dennis Collins, and Sanjay Divakaran, a representative from Kappa Sigma's Alumni House Corporation. In a press release posted on the Division of Student Life website, Love said that "...[Pi Phi] will make excellent neighbors to the dormitories and other FSILGS along Amherst Alley."

Since coming to the campus in Fall 2008, Pi Phi has been looking for a house on campus. "We are all really excited about this," said Kathleen R. Geyer '12, president of Pi Beta Phi. Geyer said that after hearing the good news, the sorority went out for dinner to celebrate.

While the sorority won't be able to move into the house until next year, the MIT Housing office will offer tours of the new house to the sisters sometime during the semester. According to Geyer, the property will house about 50 sisters, or about half of the sorority.

The property has been under the management of the Department of Residential Life and Dining since ATO left. Management of the property will transfer to Pi Phi and their national sorority next fall. According to Geyer, Pi Phi's national organization will share responsibility with the MIT chapter to establish house policies, zoning, and housing insurance.

Solution to Techdoku

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Solution to Sudoku

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REXing the frosh

Advice from a Senior Haus REX chair

By Deena Wang

ASSOCIATE CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Hey, frosh! I hope you enjoyed this year's REX, because you're going to have to run it next time. And you don't want to start planning from scratch when you're running an event for hundreds of people and the reputation of your dorm rests on your shoulders. But fear not! From my experiences as one of the Senior Haus REX chairs, I've created a list of tips on how to ensure your REX is successful and less stressful.

1. Ask the former REX chairs for advice. They'll tell you what events are popular, what events aren't worth it, how much materials cost and where to get them, and a wealth of other information.

2. Look at previous schedules for event ideas. Some of our most amusing events, like "REAGAN BABIES RE-ENACT THE WAR ON DURGS," came from REX's past. In addition, some events like "Bouncy Ball Drop" are traditional and always attract many freshmen.

3. Create events that attract the kinds of freshmen that fit in the dorm. You don't have to lure every freshman to your dorm, just the right ones.

4. Take advantage of the early returns — allowances for upperclassmen to return to their dorm before freshmen arrive on campus. At Senior Haus, the REX chairs as-

sibilities. This will more evenly distribute tasks and ensure that every volunteer has something to do.

6. Run events that let the frosh talk to upperclassmen. The purpose of REX is for freshmen to get to know the culture of the dorm that they will live in. REX events should be well attended by upperclassmen that are willing to talk about the pros and cons of their dorm. One frosh commented that although he was temporarily housed at East Campus and went to one of their parties, he connected better with Senior Haus residents.

7. Food = Frosh. Freshmen are to food events like fruit flies are to rotting fruit. There's no better way to lure hordes of freshmen than the promise of bacon. Plus, food events will also attract upperclassmen to mingle with freshmen.

8. Don't schedule important events early in REX or before all freshmen are on campus. Some freshmen are in FPOPs that extend into the REX period. In addition, it's rather awkward when the ratio of upperclassmen to freshmen is ten-to-one, where everyone either stares at the frosh or carries on their own conversations while the frosh just watch.

9. Don't write REX descriptions with in-jokes in them. Descriptions of events should be attractive to people who are not steeped in that dorm's culture, because

piñatas for an event that lasts 15 minutes and is only attended by three freshmen. The amount of time you spend preparing for an event should be proportional to the number of freshmen attending the event and the length of the event.

11. Communicate with the REX volunteers. The volunteers should know what their responsibilities are, when and where

constipation."

15. Run instructional events that contain information freshmen might not receive otherwise. For example, Senior Haus has an "Alternative Sex Seminar" that covers how to have sex at MIT ("You've heard the 'how not,' now learn the 'how to,'" reads the event listing in the REX guide). Before school starts is a good time to learn about

Before school starts is a good time to learn about such things so that you're not stuck trying to cut someone from a bedpost before their midterm exams.

the events are held, whether they need to buy anything, etc.

12. Assign the most charismatic people to tours. I know my interest was piqued by the great tour given by Paula M. Countouris '12 — the current Haus president — during my CPW. The tour guides should be well versed in the history and culture of the dorm.

13. Be prepared to reschedule in case of inclement weather. Because of the Great Anticlimactic Hurricane of 2011, all the freshmen were encouraged to stay in their dorms, so we had to cancel our trip to the Garment District. To entertain the frosh and cooped-up upperclassmen, we moved our mask-making event earlier, and people brought out board games. In the end, it was beneficial to have freshmen stay in the dorm and interact with Senior Haus residents.

14. Invite alumni. Nothing shows off the greatness of dorm culture so much as having alumni dedicated enough to come back and tell stories of the past. They can also pass on valuable advice to freshmen and tell amusing stories from the good ol' days, like "don't eat only mac 'n' cheese for a month or you will have to go to the hospital for

such things so that you're not stuck trying to cut someone from a bedpost before their midterm exams.

16. Don't present events in a way that could cause them to be misconstrued as hazing.

17. Sport REX! This year's frosh are next year's REX planners. REX lets freshmen learn about who they will be living with so that they have the opportunity to move if they don't like where they are temporarily

Don't present events in a way that could cause them to be misconstrued as hazing.

housed. But in order for REX to be successful the next year, each year's freshmen have to be excited about REX and the choice it provides. Tell your freshmen to share their thoughts and experiences in Orientation surveys about REX if they had a good time.

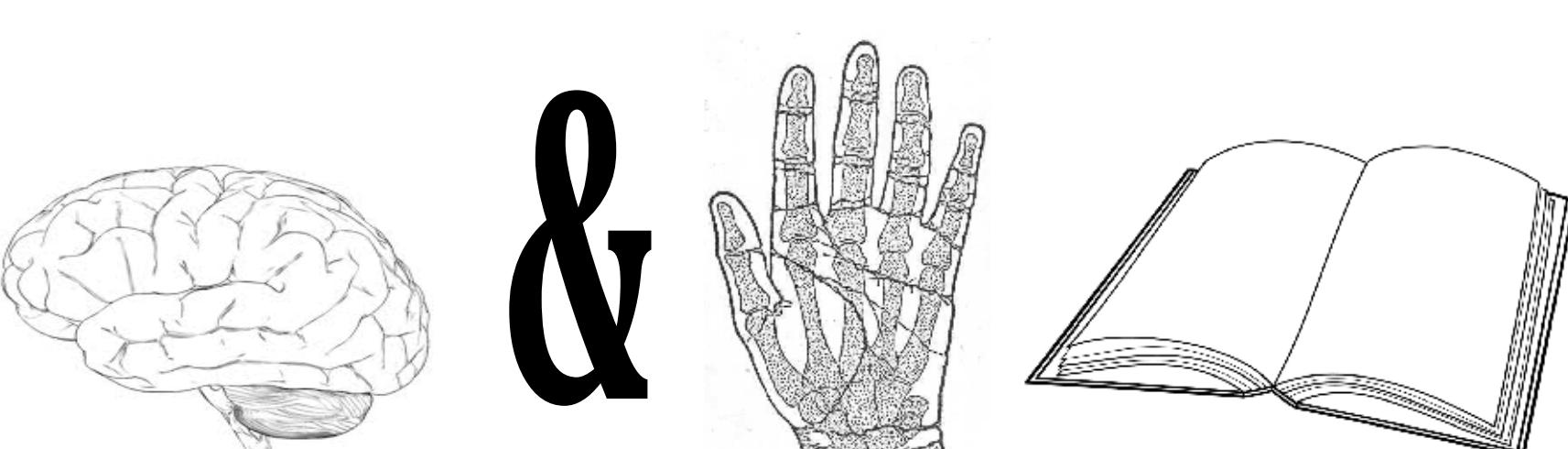
Don't run an event if (time spent preparing event) / [(length of event) * (number of freshman at event)] is greater than one.

sign early returns to select upperclassmen so we have a ready supply of volunteers for events.

5. Get your dictator on. Instead of having people sign up for events, ask people for their preferences and then assign respons-

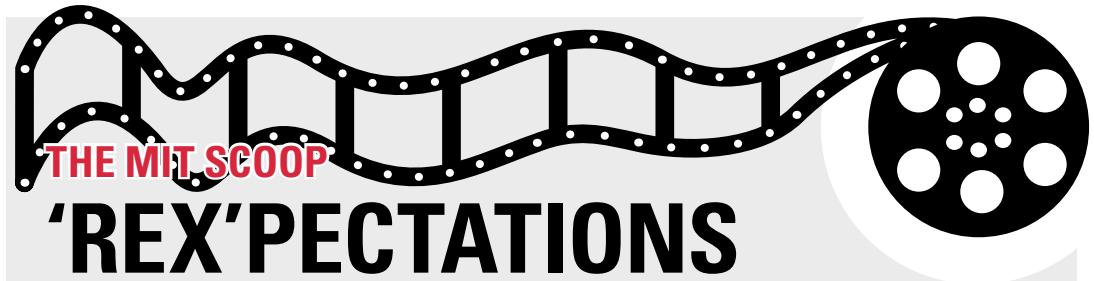
freshmen aren't. It's okay to be enigmatic, but not insular.

10. Don't run an event if (time spent preparing event) / [(length of event) * (number of freshman at event)] is greater than one. Aka, don't make papier-mâché

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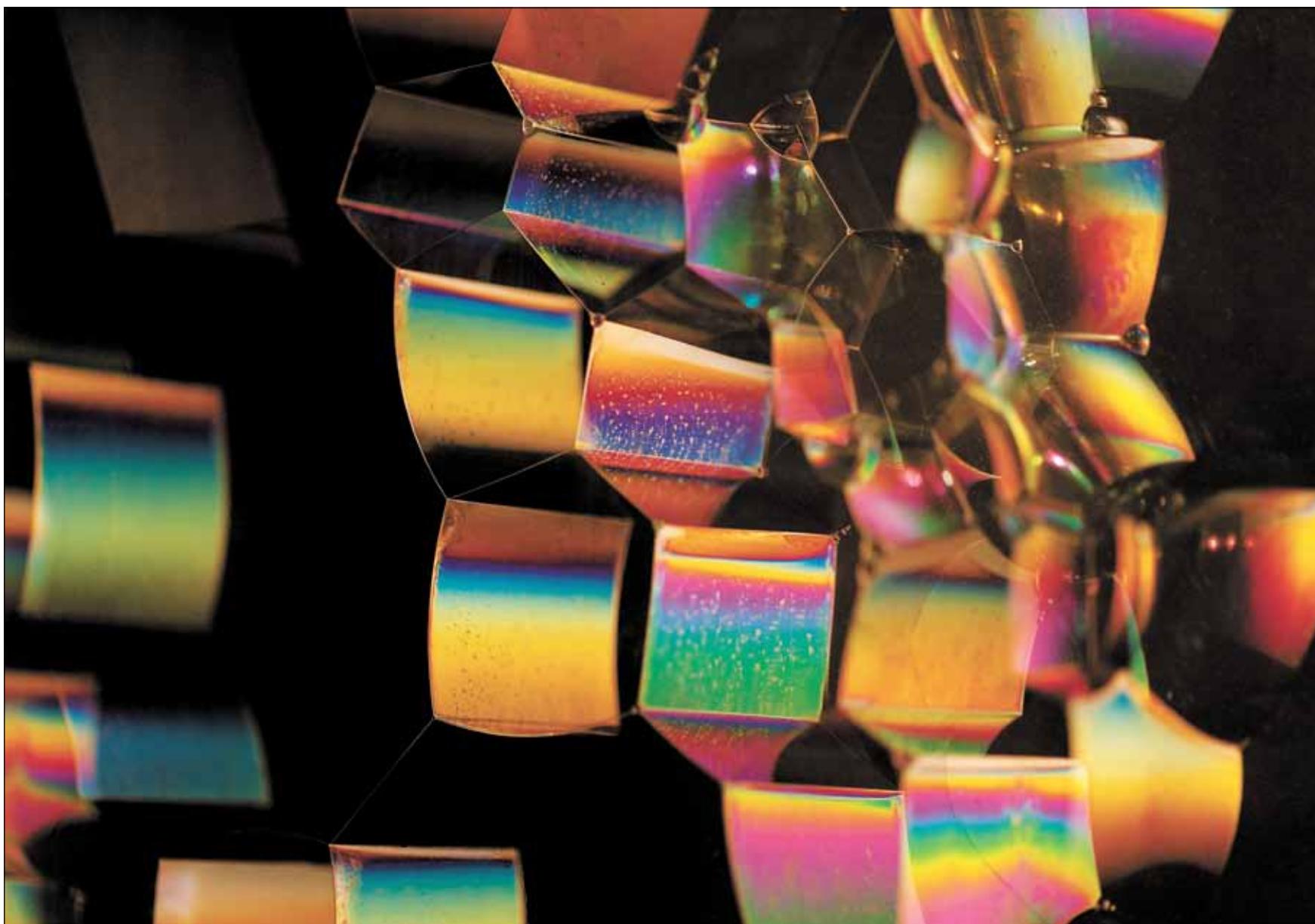
It is our pleasure to bring you the first video in a new series called "The MIT Scoop." The Scoop is intended to give you a window into what student life at MIT is really like. You'll be able to follow with your own eyes and ears the daily escapades of MIT students. Ever wonder how many hours of studying a typical student does? Or how freshmens' expectations match up with upperclassmens' experiences? Now you can hear it directly from the people who are living it. The videos can be viewed by scanning the QR code to the right or by going to <http://tech.mit.edu/V131/N33/mitscoop/video.html>. So quit reading and start watching!

Host: Ryan Normandin '13

Camera: Joanna Kao '13



Institute Double Take



By Manohar Srikanth
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Artist James Ossi (<http://www.jamesossi.com/>) has his art work, "Soap bubble machine sculpture" installed in Building 6. The machine pumps air into a soap chamber, producing bubbles between two large glass panes. Care-

fully placed bulbs reflect light off the surface of the soap bubbles, creating vivid, mesmerizing colors. This picture was taken with a macro lens oriented towards the glass plane such that the stray reflection from the glass plane itself is minimal, which would spoil the shot. The photographer also covered the gap between

the lens and the glass plane with a dark cloth to reduce unwanted reflections. This trick comes in handy when a photo needs to be taken through a glass plane, such as from an aircraft window. Additionally, keeping the aperture large and getting close to the glass pane diminishes the visibility of any dirt on the pane.

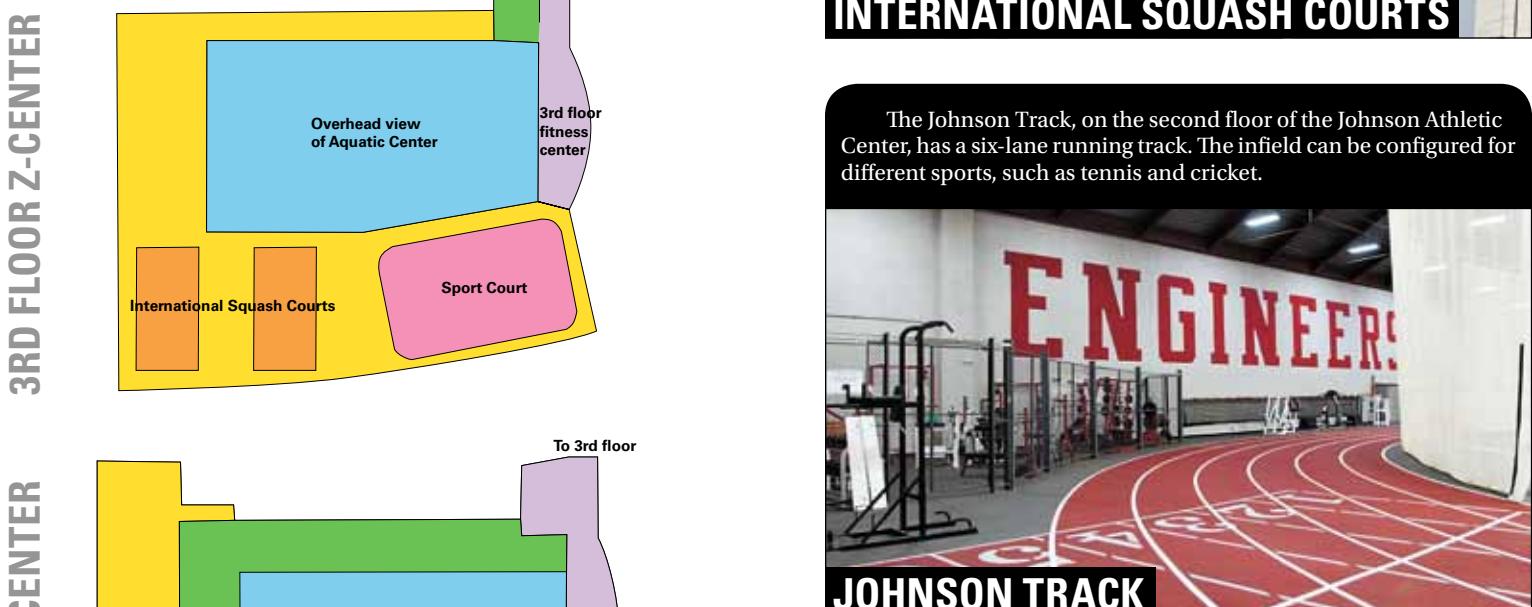
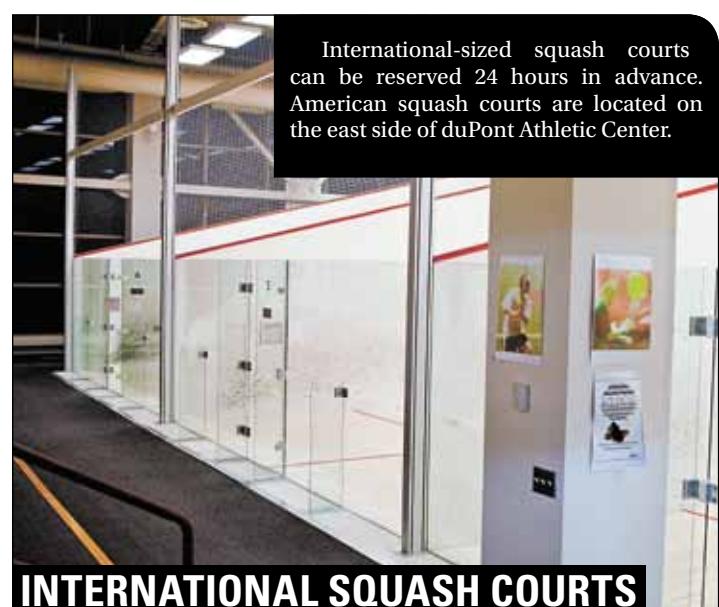
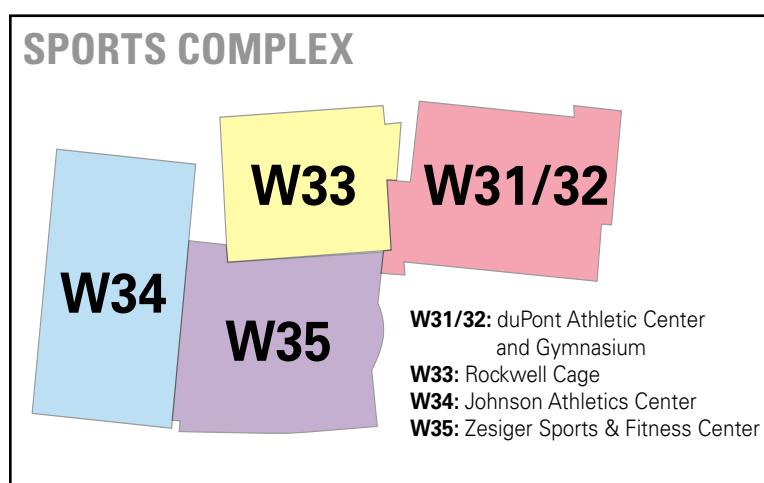
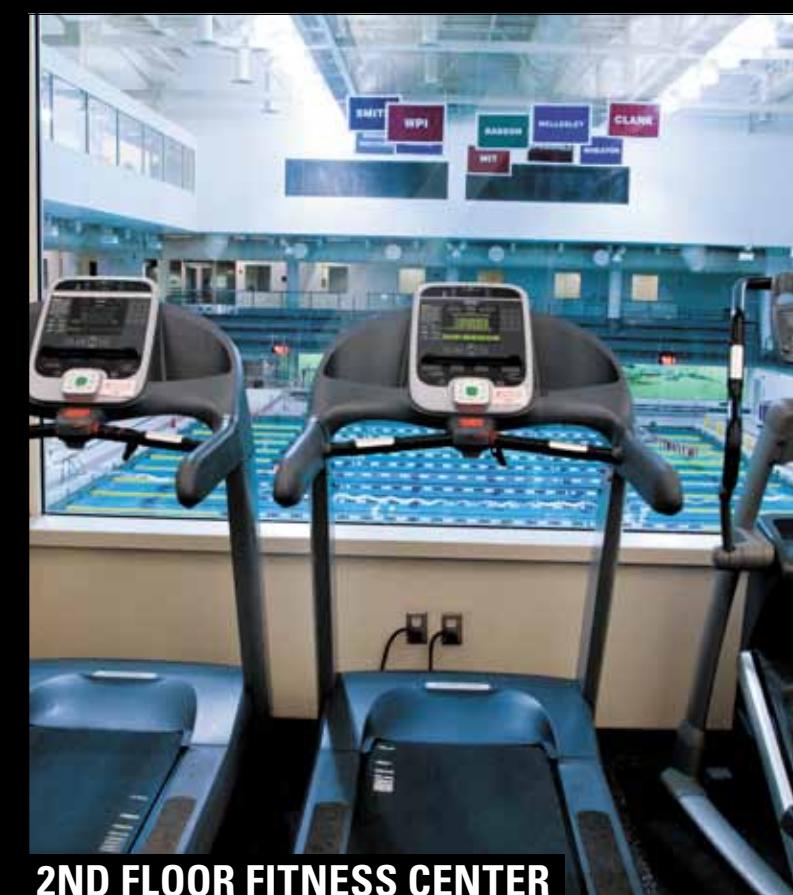
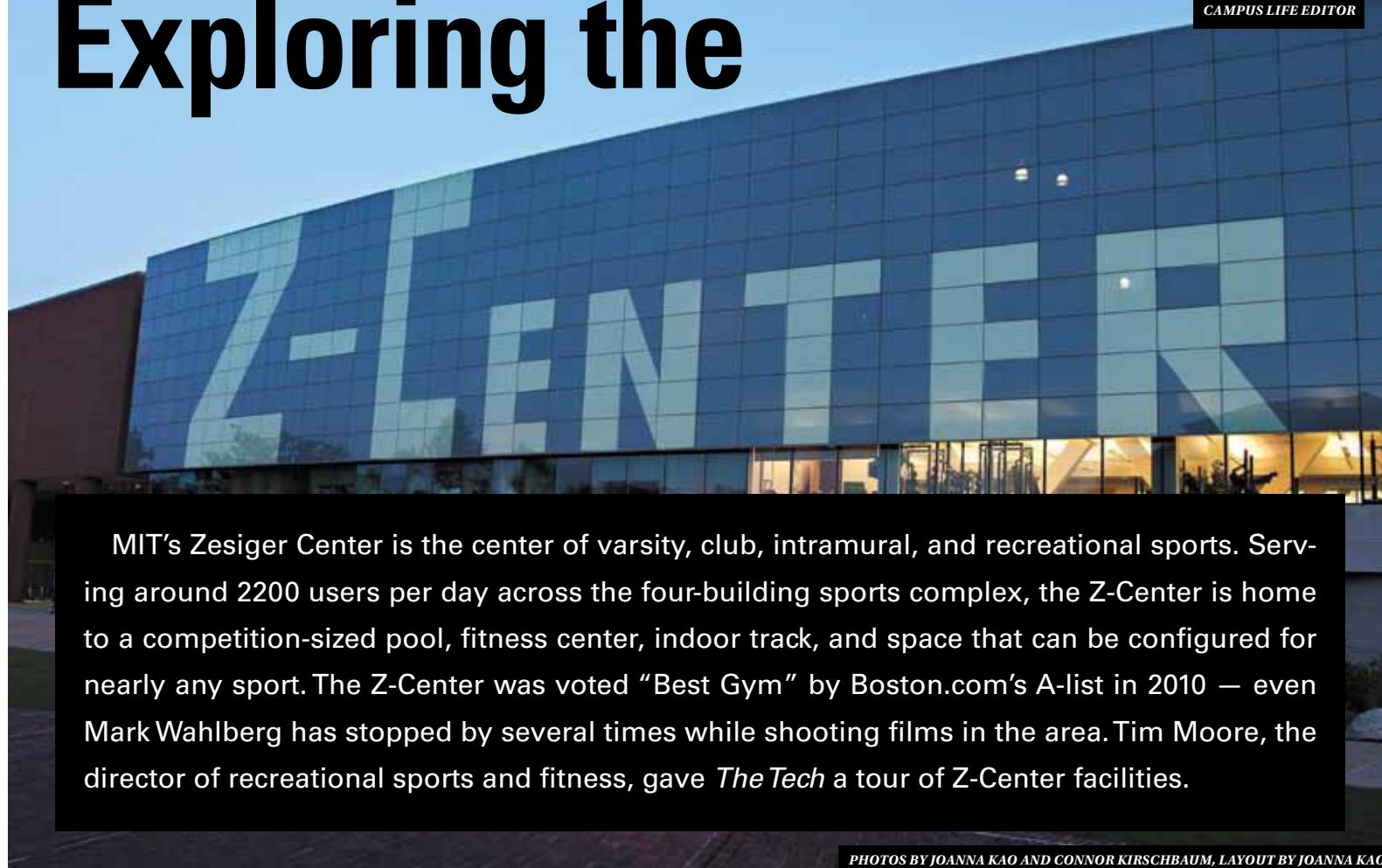
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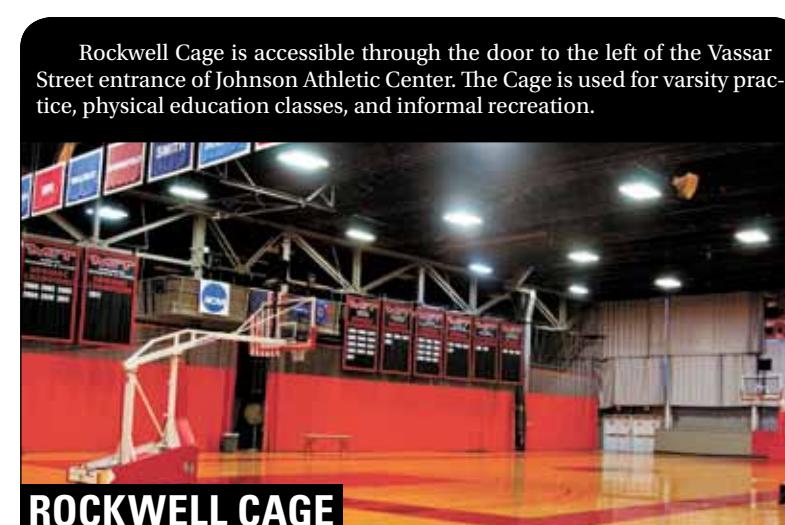
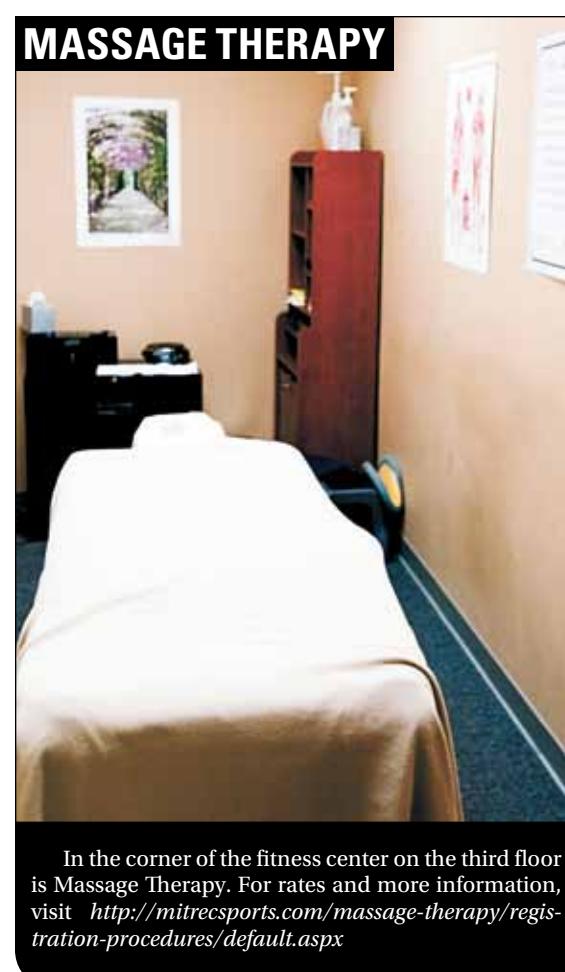
By Joanna Kao
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The fitness center (for recreational use only) can be found on the second and third floors of the Z-Center. The second floor is a larger gym, equipped with a variety of cardio equipment and weights. It also has "Expresso Course" bikes, where users can choose to ride a specific course displayed on a screen and race other users and shoot to make the monthly leaderboard. The third floor is a smaller gym, providing more privacy. It's "good for learning" how to use the equipment, according to Moore. The fitness center is staffed at all times when the Z-Center is open — 6 a.m.–11 p.m. on weekdays, 7 a.m.–9 p.m. on Saturdays, and 9 a.m.–11 p.m. on Sundays. The staff are available to answer questions or teach how to use the equipment. The fitness center's peak hours are from 6–8 a.m., 11:30–1 p.m. and 4–9 p.m.; according to Moore, "It's hopping."



"The whole thing is on average much better than what I was accustomed to. Just the fitness center — just the average. I come from Balogna which is pretty close to the place where Technogym is manufactured — they make products for gyms. We have pretty high standards. But anyways, if I say it is comparable to the average gym, it's pretty high standards."

— Enrico Cantoni PhD



'It's a comfortable gym, there's a ton of equipment, and there's always enough so I can just jump on one.'

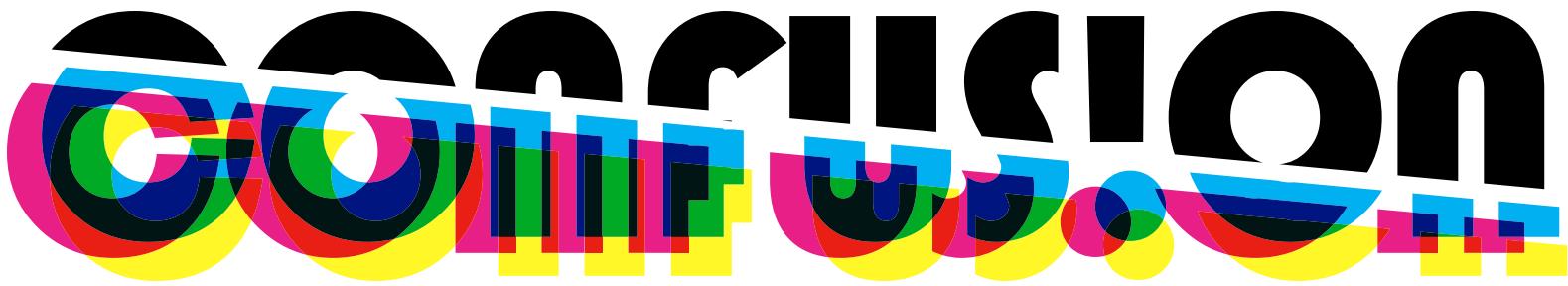
— Hannah L. Farrow '11



'It's conveniently close. I think [the fitness center] could use more treadmills — I'm a runner so that's partially why. They run out of them at busy times, and some of them break down and have problems.'

— Joshua A. Zeidman '14

THE DAILY



Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group Rush 2011

Welcome to the Daily Confusion for FSILG

Rush 2011! Over half of men and a third of women go greek or join one of six Independent Living Groups — most cite their affiliation as a key part of their support group and experience at MIT.

Hundreds of events from fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups fill the following pages, marking the start of their rush and recruitment. Events for sororities and fraternities start on 14, and Independent Living Groups start on page 18. A map of MIT and all of the FSILG living groups are on page 20.

Guides distributed at tomorrow's Greek Griller, the official kickoff of Rush, provide more detail on these events. Along with this Daily Confusion guide, we hope to give you enough information to plan your schedule over the next days. Explore as many different groups as possible, grab some free food, and have fun!

Joseph Maurer
Chairman, *The Tech*

Sorority Recruitment

All events start in Lobdell Dining Hall at the Student Center.

Saturday, September 3, 2011

13:15–19:15—Go Greek Day

Wondering about sororities at MIT and the recruitment process? Learn why so many independent, talented undergraduate women have chosen to go Greek! Lunch will be served at an information session at 13:15. After this session, you'll get the chance to learn more about each individual sorority by visiting their open events throughout the afternoon and evening.

Sunday, September 4, 2011

10:30–20:30—Philanthropy Day

Today you'll have the opportunity to tour our sorority facilities while learning about each sorority's philanthropy and community service programs. Lunch and light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Fraternities

SATURDAY

September 3rd

12:00

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM — **Theta Chi**
Killian Kickoff

12:00 PM - 11:59 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Make your own potato launcher

12:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Greek Griller/House Tours

12:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Killian Kick Off

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**
Delt's Roofdeck BBQ & House Tours

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
KRESGE GRILLIN'

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
SigEp House BBQ

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Sigma Phi Epsilon House Tours

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Dunk Tank

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Fear Factor Roof Deck BBQ

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**
Athletics (soccer, football, Frisbee)

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Fat Sandwiches on the Roof

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM — **Theta Chi**
Cajun Cookout

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM — **Chi Phi**
Chi Phi Pig Roast & Open House

12:30 PM - 6:00 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
BBQ/House Tours

12:30 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Grillin' and Chillin'

12:30 PM — **Kappa Sigma**
Kappa Sigma Open House

14:00

12:30 PM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Steak Cookout/House Tours

12:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
TDCarnival

12:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
BBQ

12:30 PM — **Theta Xi**
Awesome House Tours

12:35 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
House Tours

12:44 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Science Smörgåsbord

Kresge

15:00

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**
Grilling and House Tours

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM — **Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Grillin' and Games

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
Amped Up

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Grilling with the Skulls

1:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Video Game Tournament

1:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Sail in Style on our Party Ferry

1:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Chill in the Hot Tub with Miracle Fruit

1:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Ultimate Frisbee/Capture the Flag on the Esplanade

1:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Grill at House

1:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Open House/BBQ

1:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
iPad 2 - Pool Tournament

1:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Pig Roast

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**
Ride Delt's Mechanical Bull

1:30 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
BBQ and Sports with Zebes on

16:00

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Nerf War

4:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Rock Band Marathon

4:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Huge Fingerpainting

4:30 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Learn MMA with Professional UFC Fighter John "Doomsday" Howard

17:00

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Delta Kappa Epsilon**
House Tours

5:00 PM — **Kappa Sigma**
Tournament Dodgeball

5:00 PM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Pig Roast



5:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
Steak Barbeque

5:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Inflate Everything

18:00

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**

FINGER FOOD FEAST

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
Southern Style Chicken

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Fast Food Pyramid (In memoriam Adam J. Hartz)

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Bonfire

6:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Steak and Lobster

6:00 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**
Deltas Thanksgiving Dinner

6:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Fifth Annual Exotic Meats BBQ

6:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
New England Steak & Clam Chowdah - Compliments of our Chef

6:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Frialator Dinner

6:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Lobsterfest & Chicken Grill

6:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Crazy Dough's!

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Chi Phi**
Chicken Parm Dinner at Chi Phi

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM — **Zeta Psi**
Slow Cooked Rib Dinner

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Lobster and Clam Chowder

6:30 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Feast Like a Beast

19:00

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM — **Theta Chi**
Pizza and Wings

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Steak and Lobster Dinner

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**
Videogames in MacGregor G entry

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
POKER TOURNAMENT

7:00 PM — **Kappa Sigma**
Chef John's Roaring Roast Dinner

7:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
Ballroom Hockey

7:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Worst. Video. Game. Ever.

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
Dinner

7:30 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Improv Comedy Show

7:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Flavor Tripping w/ Miracle Berries

20:00

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM — **Zeta Psi**
26th Annual Car Bash

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
Stand-up Comedy Night

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**
Laser Tag

8:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream!

8:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Casino Royale

8:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Casino Night

8:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Carbonated Fruit

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Miracle Berry Flavor Trip

8:30 PM - 10:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
DESSERT-FEST

8:30 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Indoor Laser Tag at the AEPi Arena

21:00

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Game and Movie Night

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Pre-Party with SigEp

9:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
Carvalho's Bad Movie Night

9:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Ooblek

9:30 PM - 1:30 AM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
PKT Presents: Midnight Beach Rave

9:30 PM - 2:00 AM — **Chi Phi**
White Out Party

22:00

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM — **Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Beach Party (Rooftop if weather permits)

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM — **Zeta Psi**
House Tours & Ice Cream

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Vesuvius Party

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM — **Theta Chi**
Blacklight Party

10:00 PM — **Kappa Sigma**
The 407

10:00 PM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Roofdeck Party

10:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Sigma Chi-Lighter Party

10:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Miracle Fruit

10:30 PM - 2:00 AM — **Delta Upsilon**
DU: PARTY ROCK

10:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Movie Night

23:00

11:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Layzor Light Show

11:59 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Underground Capture the Flag

11:59 PM — **Theta Xi**
Midnight Smoothies

SUNDAY

September 4th

00:00

12:00 AM - 11:59 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Make your own potato launcher

01:00

12:00 AM — **Theta Xi**
Dim Sum

11:30 AM — **Kappa Sigma**
Lazy Morning Brunch

1:00 AM - 3:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Steak and Shake

1:00 AM - 3:00 AM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
After-Party 4th Meal

1:00 AM — **Kappa Sigma**
Midnight Buffet: The Original @ Kappa Sigma

1:30 AM - 2:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Afterparty on the Roof

08:00

8:30 AM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Breakfast

09:00

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
Paintball

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Paintball

9:00 AM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Fresh, Hot Breakfast Banquet: Pancakes, Omelettes, French Toast

9:00 AM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
ZBT Breakfast of Champions

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM — **Chi Phi**
All You Can Eat Breakfast at Chi Phi

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
Day at the Beach

10:00

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Sunday Brunch

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Theta Chi**
Breakfast of Champions

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Brunch on Kresge Oval

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Paintball

10:00 AM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Fraternal House of Pancakes

10:00 AM — **Sigma Chi**
Beach Trip

10:00 AM — **Theta Delta Chi**
P&L Paintball

10:00 AM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Build your own Potato Gun

10:30 AM - 4:00 PM — **Chi Phi**
Paintball with Chi Phi

10:30 AM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Paintball

11:00

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
BRUNCH

11:00 AM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Airsoft

11:00 AM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
The Adrenaline Junky Combo: Trampoline Dodgeball & Indoor Skydiving

11:00 AM — **Delta Tau Delta**
Jet Skiing and Beach Trip

11:00 AM — **Sigma Nu**
Canobe Lake- Six Flags, Zero Lines

12:00

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**
Eating Competition — BC Porter Room

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Chilling at the House

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
BEACH AND CLIFF-JUMPING

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Paintball

12:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Southern Style BBQ

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM — **Theta Chi**
Paintball

12:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
BBQ

18:00

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Chicken and Waffles

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
ASIAN FOOD FEAST AT PHI DELTS

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Gerry's World Famous Fried Chicken

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Refreshing Smoothies

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Rocking out with SigEp

6:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Chef Bobby Mac's Famous London Broil

6:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Gourmet Steak Dinner with Our Chef

6:00 PM — **Kappa Sigma**
Asian Fusion Dinner @ Kappa Sigma

6:00 PM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Mike's Pastry

6:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Dinner in Boston

6:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Italian Dinner Night - Compliments of our Chef

6:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Texas Barbecue

6:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner: Italian Buffet

6:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Ultimate Karate on the Mall

6:30 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Indoor Skydiving

14:00

2:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Laser Tag

2:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Sailing on the Charles

2:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Waffles and LN2

15:00

3:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Hair dying and tie dying

16:00

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Chi Phi**
Burgers with Bros

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Ultimate Frisbee at the Boston Commons

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
F1 Racing

4:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Pirate battle with Pika

4:30 PM — **Sigma Nu**
Nerf Wars

17:00

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Pizza, Poker, Pool: The Triple P's

8:00 PM - 12:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Boat Cruise

8:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Casino Night (Win an iPad!)

8:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Dance Lessons - Salsa & Hip-Hip

8:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Cannoli Hunting

21:00

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
JUNGLE PARTY SHIRT MAKING

9:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
B.A.S.H

9:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
USBDIY

9:59 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
TDC's Annual Foam Party

22:00

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM — **Delta Upsilon**
Jelly Wrestling

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**
Jello Wrestling Party

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM — **Nu Delta**
Party Bus!

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM — **Phi Delta Theta**
JUNGLE PARTY

10:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Infinite Crepes

10:00 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**
ΔΤΔ Beach Party

10:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
ZBT Deep Fry

10:30 PM - 2:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Party Hopping and Chinatown Run

23:00

11:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
USB-light show

11:30 PM — **Kappa Sigma**
Midnight Buffet: Carnival Favorites @ Kappa Sigma

11:59 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Midnight IHOP run

11:59 PM — **Theta Xi**
Infinite Desserts

MONDAY

September 5th

00:00

12:00 AM - 1:00 AM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
The Vermonster Challenge

12:00 AM - 1:00 AM — **Theta Chi**
Midnight Snack

12:00 AM - 2:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Steak and Shake

01:00

1:00 AM - 3:00 AM — **Nu Delta**
Breakfast b4 Dawn

08:00

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM — **Nu Delta**
Breakfast

8:30 AM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Breakfast

09:00

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Soul Food Breakfast at the House

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
Firing Range

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Skyzone Trampoline Dodgeball

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**
Paintball

9:00 AM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Bagels, Cream Cheese, and Lox Breakfast

9:00 AM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
ZBT Breakfast of Champions

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM — **Chi Phi**
Chi Phi House of Pancakes

9:30 AM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Six Flags New England

10:00

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Brunch

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Jet Skiing at Cape Cod

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
Canoeing

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM — **Theta Chi**
Six Flags New England

10:00 AM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Fraternal House of Pancakes

10:00 AM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Beach Trip

10:00 AM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Pickup Sports at Devotion

10:00 AM — **Zeta Psi**
Six Flags

10:30 AM — **Kappa Sigma**
Brunch the Kappa Sigma Way

10:30 AM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Jetskiing, Surfing, and Spearfishing in Newport

11:00

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
BRUNCH

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Lunch

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM — **Chi Phi**
Jet-Skiing on the Cape

11:00 AM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Whirlyball: Basketball in Bumpercars

11:00 AM — **Delta Tau Delta**
Lobster Trip (INVITE ONLY)

11:00 AM — **Kappa Sigma**
Ultimate Windsurfing at Cape Cod

11:00 AM — **Sigma Chi**
Rock Climbing

11:00 AM — **Sigma Nu**
Paint-Ballin'

11:00 AM — **Theta Xi**
Bacon Bonanza

12:00

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Brazilian Steakhouse Lunch

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**
Lunch - MacGregor BBQ Pits

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Strikeout Bowling at Jillian's

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Batting Cages and Mini-Golf

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
PAINTBALL

12:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Lunch

12:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Ultimate Frisbee

12:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Lunch

12:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
BBQ

13:00

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
South Park Marathon

1:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Pirate Battle on the Charles

1:00 PM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Trampoline Dodgeball

1:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
House Tours

1:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Paintball

14:00

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
Rock Climbing

2:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Rock Climbing

2:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Dim sum

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Trampoline Dodgeball at SkyZone

15:00

3:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Trip to the MIT Museum of Science

3:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Dumpling Eating Contest

3:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
LN2, Dry Ice, Helium

16:00

4:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Dramatic Proof Reading

17:00

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Mini Golf and Ice Cream

5:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Epic Meal Time / Can You Fry It?

5:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
2,015 Nugget Feast

5:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Fun with Rocks

18:00

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Boston Harbor Cruise

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
SigEp On Demand (Movie Marathon)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Roofdeck BBQ

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Theta Chi**
Cannolis and Regina's Pizza

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM — **Nu Delta**
Steak & Lobster

6:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Cranberry Chicken Dinner

6:00 PM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**
Steak and Lobster

6:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Dinner in Boston

6:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Fajitas for Dinner - Compliments of our Chef

6:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Taste of Kenmore

6:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner: Roofdeck BBQ

6:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
1022: Intro to Milk Crate Construction

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
BABY BACK RIBS

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM — **Zeta Psi**
Italian Night

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**
Card Games

7:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Pool and Board Games

7:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
Texas Hold 'Em for a 360

7:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Mexican Feast

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
Dinner

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Dinner at the House

7:30 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Fire and Ice Dinner

7:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Video Game Tournament - Win a Wii

7:30 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Bowling

8:00 PM - 12:00 PM — **Delta Kappa Epsilon**
Card games

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**
Poker Night

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Laser Tag and Frosties

8:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Movie Marathon

8:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**
Jillian's Bowling and Billiards

8:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Lie-Off

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
BOAT CRUISE

21:00

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Chi Phi**
Open Mic Night at Chi Phi

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
Roof Deck Concert

9:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Capture the Flag

9:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
AI v. Man Tournament

9:30 PM - 11:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
The X-Rated Hypnotist

Hearty Breakfast at the House

9:00 AM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**

What time is it? Waffle Time.

9:00 AM — **Zeta Beta Tau**

ZBT Breakfast of Champions

10:00

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**

Brunch

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**

Brunch (homemade) — MacGregor BBQ Pits

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM — **Nu Delta**

ND Football & Ballin

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**

Sports Day

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

School Supply Shopping

10:00 AM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**

Fraternalf House of Pancakes

10:30 AM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**

Battle Canoeing

11:00

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**

BRUNCH

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**

Sailing and Kayaking on the Charles

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM — **Theta Chi**

F1 Racing

11:00 AM — **Kappa Sigma**

Reg Day Lunch

11:00 AM — **Sigma Chi**

F1 Racing

11:00 AM — **Theta Xi**

Kayaking on the Charles

12:00

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

SigEp Soccer at Killian Court

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**

WELLSELEY WATER SPORTS

12:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Lunch

12:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**

BBQ and Ultimate Frisbee on Kresge

12:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**

Frisbee by Killian

12:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**

Lunch & Sports on Kresge Oval

12:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**

BBQ

13:00

1:00 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**

Paintball with Delts

1:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**

Canoeing on the Charles

14:00

2:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

XtremeTrampolining

2:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

Segways

2:00 PM — **Zeta Psi**

Paintball

2:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**

Reg Day Feynman

15:00

3:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**

Ditch Windows, Install Linux!

16:00

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Nu Delta**

Roofdeck Barbeque

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Laser Tag

4:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**

Sports on the Turf

4:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**

Pick-Up Soccer

17:00

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

Learn Acoustic Guitar + Jam Session

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Chi Phi**

Pre-Cruise Dinner

5:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

Dinner in Fanuel Hall

5:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**

OMGSNUBBQ

5:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**

Find Stuff in Chinatown

18:00

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**

Steak Dinner

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Theta Chi**

Redbones Dinner

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**

House Dinner

6:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Chicken Cordon Bleu

6:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**

PF Chang's Chinese Dinner

6:00 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**

Steak & Sushi Dinner

6:00 PM — **Kappa Sigma**

Border Cafe Dinner with Kappa Sigma

6:00 PM — **Phi Sigma Kappa**

Phi Sig Iron Chef

6:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**

House Dinner

6:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**

Teriyaki. It's What's for Dinner

6:00 PM — **Theta Xi**

New England Clam Bake

6:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**

Dinner

6:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**

Cook what you found in Chinatown

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM — **Zeta Psi**

Epic Meal Time

19:00

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

Dinner at the House

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**

FIRE AND ICE RESTAURANT

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Chi Phi**

Chi Phi Liberty Clipper Boat Cruise

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**

Frynight (with class advice) — Burton 233

7:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Reg Day Feynman

Batting Cages and Mini-Golf

7:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**

Prudential Skywalk

7:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**

BBQ on the roof

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM — **Delta Upsilon**

Dinner

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

Laser Tag

7:30 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**

F1 Go-Kart Racing

7:30 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**

Final Potato Gun Firing & The History of Hacks at MIT

20:00

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM — **Nu Delta**

Lunch w/ the Brotherhood

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Steak out with SigEp

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM — **Delta Upsilon**

Fire and Ice

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Delta Kappa Epsilon**

Boat Cruise (invite only)

8:00 PM — **Delta Tau Delta**

Rumspringa in Boston

8:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**

Carvalho's Bad Movie Night: The Sequel

8:00 PM — **Theta Xi**

Flavor-Tripping Party

8:30 PM - 11:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

Bowling

8:30 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Ice Cream Social

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**

Pizza and Sundaes — BC Porter Room

9:00 PM - 1:30 AM — **Phi Kappa Theta**

Bowling and IHOP

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Mike's Pastries

9:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**

Outdoor Film Festival by the Charles

9:00 PM — **Sigma Chi**

Tea (our weekly party)

9:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**

Ice Cream Study Break

9:30 PM - 10:30 PM — **Delta Upsilon**

Dessert in Boston

21:00

9:00 PM - 12:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**

POOL TOURNAMENT

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Board Games of the Past Present and Future

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Smashing Rock Bros of Duty

9:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**

Iron Chef

9:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**

KAZE SHABU SHABU RESTAURANT

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Nu Delta**

Dick's Last Resort

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Zeta Psi**

Steak & Lobster (Invite Only)

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Chi Phi**

Chi Phi Open

7:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**

Max Brenner's Chocolate for Dinner

7:00 PM — **Kappa Sigma**

Noodle Run: Chinatown with Kappa Sigma

7:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**</div

13:00

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM — **Nu Delta**
Lunch w/ the Brotherhood

15:00

3:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Hanging out after classes

17:00

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
BBQ5:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Traveling Couch (invite only)5:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Cook haus food with us

18:00

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**
Homestyle Dinner6:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Theta Chi**
North End Dinner (Invite Only)6:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Chicken Parmesan6:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
Dinner By Josh: The Second Helping6:00 PM — **Theta Xi**
Dinner in the North End6:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Dinner: Chef's Choice6:30 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**
Boston Harbor Boat Cruise (Invite Only)

19:00

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
Dinner7:00 PM - 8:30 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**
Dinner at the House7:00 PM - 9:00 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**
Dinner at the House7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**
Dinner and videogames in Mac-Gregor G entry7:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**
NFL Opening Night7:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**
Powerpoint/Improv7:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**
Newbury Street Dinner & Gelato7:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**
Mini Golf7:00 PM — **Zeta Psi**
Zetes on the Town (Invite Only)7:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**
Hausfud7:30 PM — **Kappa Sigma**
NFL Opening Night @ Kappa Sigma

20:00

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**
Hsin Hsin restaurant8:00 PM - 9:30 PM — **Phi Delta Theta**
IMPROV ASYLUM8:00 PM - 11:00 PM — **Delta Upsilon**
Yacht Cruise8:00 PM - 12:00 PM — **Delta Kappa****Epsilon**

Wings and a Movie

8:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Union Oyster House (invite only)8:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**
Super Smash & Super Smoothies8:30 PM - 11:00 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

Famous Desserts with Alumni

21:00

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM — **Phi Kappa Sigma**

Steak and Shake

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM — **Phi Kappa Theta**

Jello Drop

9:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Smoovie Night

9:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**

Game Night and Halo/SuperSmash Tournament

9:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**

Mike's Pastries

22:00

10:00 PM — **Alpha Epsilon Pi**

Cider and Banana Bread Study Break

10:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**

Bubble Ball

23:00

11:00 PM — **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

Poker (invite only)

11:00 PM — **Zeta Psi**

Night Ultimate Frisbee

FRIDAY

September 9th

00:00

12:00 AM - 1:00 AM — **Theta Chi**

Midnight Snack

08:00

8:30 AM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Breakfast

12:00

12:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Lunch

16:00

4:00 PM — **Theta Xi**

Theta Xi Tea (invitation only)

17:00

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Pi Kappa Alpha**

Tour of MIT (invite only)

18:00

6:00 PM — **Alpha Delta Phi**

Bid Dinner (Invite Only)

6:00 PM — **Zeta Beta Tau**

Dinner with Zebes

19:00

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Lambda Chi Alpha**

Bid Dinner

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Bid Dinner

7:00 PM — **Sigma Nu**

Bid Dinner (Invitation Only)

7:00 PM — **Theta Delta Chi**

Dinner in Boston (Invite Only)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

Bid Dinner (Invite Only)

21:00

9:30 PM - 11:30 PM — **Pi Lambda Phi**

Improv Asylum

22:00

10:22 PM — **Tau Epsilon Phi**

Food Orgy

10:30 PM - 2:00 AM — **Delta Upsilon**

Club DU

SATURDAY

September 3rd

ILGs

20:00

8 PM — **pika**

Unleash your Inner Hippy. Learn how to be a stereotypical hippy at pika: tie-dye, bracelets, sustainability, henna, granola, and general grooviness.

21:00

9 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Telephone Pictionary - Thought the game Telephone was hard enough? Try doing it with pictures. Meet us in Lobby 7 this time to catch our van.

9 PM — **pika**

Raft across the Charles to BU pika prides itself on its intercampus connections - take a secret raft journey to Boston University and meet our beantown compatriots!

9 PM — **Fenway House**

Hot Chocolate and Rocky Horror. Meet us in front of the student center and come get delicious L.A. Burdick's hot chocolate in Harvard Square then experience the insanity that is the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Costumes encouraged!

22:00

10:06 PM — **No. 6 Club**

Tech-ankh-amun: Dance of the Nile - The Pharaohs of olden times had many things going for them, festivals and celebrations shared the magnitude of their pyramids and monuments, so don't miss out on a party of epic proportions.

11:00 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

JP Licks Mob - Engage in some good ol' dairy consumption. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

SUNDAY

September 4th

10:00

10:06 AM - 04:06 PM — **No. 6 Club**

Trip to Walden Pond Our annual rush trip to Walden Pond, once habitat of Henry David Thoreau and an inspiration for his book Walden.

A Historic Site as well as a State Reservation, it is an enchanting and beautiful place. Join us!

12:00

12 noon — **Fenway House**

Brunch at Fenway House. Meet in front of the student center to walk over and experience delicious breakfast food (including lots of bacon).

12:15 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Lunch - Come have clam chowder, corn chowder, and ice cream with us. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

13:00

1:30 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Boffer Construction - Make a sword, or a spear, or anything else your weapon-happy heart desires. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

1:30-3:30 PM — **Fenway House**

Museum of Fine Arts. Join us for an afternoon of art and culture at the Boston MFA.

15:00

3:30 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Boffing in the Park - Enjoy the beautiful park across from our house while simultaneously beating people with foam weapons. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

3:30-7 PM — **Fenway House**

Wings and Chillin. After an afternoon of art, hang out playing video games and eat wings with the crew at Fenway house.

16:00

4:22 PM — **pika**

pika-tEp Water War. An epic pirate war has raged on for years and years between pika and tEp - be there on the Charles and help us defend MIT's lands against the perpetrators from the Boston side! ARRGH!

17:00

5:15 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Dinner - Make your own pizza! Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

18:00

6:30 PM — **pika**

Indian Dinner. Our Mauritian chef makes a tasty Indian dinner (Mauritius is close to India, relatively).

19:00

7 PM — **WILG**

Breakfast for Dinner. Join us for a delicious brinner at WILG!

7:06pm PM — **No. 6 Club**

Crêpes & Coffee - Sixers love Crêpes and Coffee, and you should too. Our talented members will use our espresso machine and our secret French crêpe recipe to bring you the best evening dessert. Enjoy!

20:00

8 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Party - The n Doctors Party! Come celebrate your favorite Doctors: Horrible, Who, Strangelove, Mario, Seuss... There will be LARPing, Doctor Jeopardy, movie showings on our giant projector, sing-alongs, and lots of dessert. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

8 PM — **pika**

Dye your Hair! Come and make your hair look exciting with colorful dye and henna!

8:30 PM — **pika**

Build a Firestaff. Build a firestaff.

9:00 PM — **pika**

Make and/or Consume Bubble Tea. Suck little black gooey tapioca balls through a fat straw and wash them down with sweet artificially flavored milky tea - a surprisingly delicious MIT classic.

22:00

10:00 PM — **pika**

Roofdeck Movie and Sleepover. Count the few stars whose radiation makes it through the Boston light pollution, watch a movie and fall asleep above the roofs of Cambridgeport.

MONDAY

September 5th

09:00

9 AM — **pika**

English Channel Breakfast. We have international students, including Brits and Frenchmen, but who makes the better breakfast?

10:00

10:06 AM - 04:06 PM — **No. 6 Club**

Beach Trip - Come join us for a trip to the beach, where we're going to have so much fun out there in the sun. And have a good breakfast with us right before, with good wholesome food, fruits, coffee and all that jazz.

12:00

12 noon — **Fenway House**

Lunch at Fenway House. Meet in front of the student center to walk over and experience delicious comfort food with lots of mac & cheese.

12:15 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Lunch - Burgers! Vegetarian options are always available. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

13:00

1:30 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Card Games - How many things can you do with a deck of playing cards? Come find out (hint - a lot). Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

1:30-3:30 PM — **Fenway House**

Walk the Freedom Trail. Come walk the freedom trail and experience Boston history (and find out where all the good social scenes are located around the city) with your trusty Fenway tour guides.

15:00

3:30 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Giant Bubbles - Help us conduct experiments in surface tension by blowing huge bubbles! Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

16:00

4:45 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Kemps - A card game that rewards clever communication. We'll be playing it in Lobby 7.

17:00

5:00 PM — **pika**

Learn to Brew Ginger Ale and Root Beer! Come learn the basics of nonalcoholic brewing, and come back Friday to drink the fruit of your efforts!

5:15 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Dinner - Beef teriyaki, vegetable stir-fry, and scallion pancakes. Come eat dinner with us at our house. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch the van.

18:00

6:30 PM — **pika**

Guang Hao does his dinner taste so good? Guang Hao (pronounced 'how') makes delicious food and his name has unlimited pun capacity.

19:00

7 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Stargazing - We'll head out of Boston to get a better look at the night sky. Sip hot cocoa while our resident astronomers ramble on about little bright spots in the sky. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

20:00

8 PM — **pika**

Firestaff Spinning. Spin or watch others spin firestaffs.

8:06 PM — **No. 6 Club**

International Supper - Feel hungry and want some very good food from all corners of the world? The Number Six Club is the place to come for fine dining of the worldly persuasion.

21:00

9 PM — **pika**

Harvard Adventure: Frozen Yogurt and Secret Playground. We'll take you to the best frozen yogurt place and the most fantastic playground in the world!

23:00

11 PM — **pika**

The Fine Art of Freeganism. The final step to becoming a true hippy. Field trip!

THURSDAY

September 8th

16:00

4:45 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Word Association Games - Help us come up with silly word games. We'll be playing them in Lobby 7.

17:00

5:15 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Dinner - Antipasto and tortelloni! And peach cobbler for dessert. Come eat dinner with us at our house. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

18:00

6:30 PM — **pika**

Dîner français. Nos étudiants français préparent un dîner de leur cuisine légendaire. Allons-y!

19:00

7 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Science Balderdash - "This graph clearly depicts the rise of tea prices in China over time." "But...it's a pie chart." Invent ridiculous descriptions for the strangest graphs we could find on the Internet. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

7 PM — **WILG**

Meat and Vegetarian Lasagna. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG!

7:06 PM — **No. 6 Club**

Café Vittoria - Celebrate the end of Rush with fine coffee and delicacies from Italy at Café Vittoria, in Boston's North end. We shall take little Italy by storm. The fine end to a fancy rush.

20:00

8-10 PM — **Fenway House**

Campfire with food and music at Kresge BBQ pits. Hot dogs, Smores, Live Music, and Ghost Stories, Oh My!

8 PM — **WILG**

Trip to Berryline. Meet at WILG and we'll head down to Harvard Square for a frozen yogurt treat.

21:00

9 PM — **pika**

Pirates vs. Ninjas Capture the Flag. Meet us in Lobby 10 to play CTF pika-style; we'll bring the swords and projectiles. It'll be epic!

FRIDAY

September 9th

16:00

4:45 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Real Time Survival Horror - A quick card game made by some of our own members, featuring ghosts, zombies and raptors. We'll be playing it in Lobby 7.

17:00

5:15 PM — **Epsilon Theta**

Dinner - Dumplings! Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

18:00

6:30 PM — **pika**

Matzo-Bacon Dinner. Something for everyone! Vegan option available, as always.

19:00

7 PM — **WILG**

Sweet and Savory Crepes. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG!

7 PM — Epsilon Theta

Firefly Marathon - Can we make it all the way through this Joss Whedon classic? Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

7:30 PM — pika

Try Home-Brewed Root Beer/Ginger Ale. Remember that brewing lesson you had on Monday? Taste your results!

20:00

8 PM — pika

Frisbee and Other Sports. Sometimes we go to Brigg's field and goof off - you should come!

8 PM — WILG

Movie Night. Come relax with us and watch movies on our 50" Plasma TV a great way to unwind after the first week of classes!

22:00

10:30 PM — pika

Kid A: The Most Transcendent Listening Experience You Will Ever Have. You feel yourself dissolve into the sonic cesspools gathering in the crevices of your brain as your pupils relax and succumb to the light of planets dying, reborn, dying, reborn on a white wall.

00:00

12 midnight — Epsilon Theta

Sleepover in the Pit - Once we get sick of Firefly (is that even possible?), we can lay around and have deep philosophical conversations about life. Or late-night Mexican food. Or both, I guess. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

SATURDAY

September 10th

12:00

12:15 PM — Epsilon Theta

Lunch - Try our mac n' cheese, and enjoy a delicious bowl of strawberry soup. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time

to catch our van.

13:00

1:30 PM — Epsilon Theta

Sailing - Join us for a scenic trip along the Charles. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time, and we'll head over to the boat house. In case of rain, we'll head back and play board games instead.

15:00

3:00 PM — pika

Medieval Weaponry Demo and Lessons. Watch and learn medieval-era longsword fighting techniques from traveling ren-faire professionals.

3:30 PM — Epsilon Theta

Duck Duck Mafia, and Other Experiments - The classic game Mafia, with a whimsical twist. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

4:00 PM — pika

Paint a Mural! We still have a couple empty walls in our house - come design and bring into existence a brand new mural!

17:00

5:15 PM — Epsilon Theta

Dinner - Ham, pinto bean cakes, and magic cookies, among other yummy things! Vegetarian options are always available. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

18:00

6:30 PM — pika

Homemade Delicious Pizza Magic. This pizza is tops. Carnivore, herbivore, whatever you are you can't miss Jess's pizza magic.

19:00

7 PM — Epsilon Theta

ET Mini-Puzzle Hunt - Strengthen your puzzle-solving muscles for Mystery Hunt with one of our custom-made Mini-Hunts. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

7 PM — WILG

Salmon and Risotto. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG!

20:00

8 PM — pika

Gender Blender Pride Night. pika's LGBT orientation event - play bananagrams, make smoothies, discuss LGBT life at MIT, and dress up for our Rocky Horror trip.

8 PM — pika

Dye your Hair! Missed the earlier hair-dye event/sick of your old color already? More hair dye!

8 PM — WILG

Cheesecake and A Cappella. Come enjoy tasty homemade cheesecakes while an all-male A Cappella group serenades you.

21:00

9 PM — Epsilon Theta

Applying the Scientific Method to Cookies - How does one make the best cookie? With SCIENCE! Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

23:00

11:30 PM — pika

Rocky Horror Picture Show. Join us as we cross boundaries and walk to the local showing of Rocky Horror - if you've never been, you seriously have to come!

17:00

5:15 PM — Epsilon Theta

Dinner - Chili! Vegetarian options are always available. Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

19:00

7 PM — Epsilon Theta

Thetan-Made Board Game Night - In the past, some of our members have made their own board games. Come play them! Meet us in Lobby 7 at this time to catch our van.

7 PM — WILG

Steak, Chicken, and Veggie Fajitas. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG, followed by house dessert.

MONDAY

September 12th

19:00

7 PM — WILG

Tortellini & Tiramisu. No time to go to the North End? Join us at WILG for an Italian dinner followed by Tiramisu from Modern Pastry.

TUESDAY

September 13th

19:00

7 PM — WILG

Indian Curry with Spinach Paneer. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG!

WEDNESDAY

September 14th

19:00

7 PM — WILG

Hawaiian Kebabs. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG, followed by Tropical Smoothies.

THURSDAY

September 15th

19:00

7 PM — WILG

Chicken and Eggplant Parmesan. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG!

FRIDAY

September 16th

19:00

7 PM — WILG

Three Course Candlelit Meal. Join us by candle light for three delicious courses. Enjoy Mediterranean vegetables followed by seafood and pasta, and end the evening with a fancy dessert.

SATURDAY

September 17th

13:00

1 PM — WILG

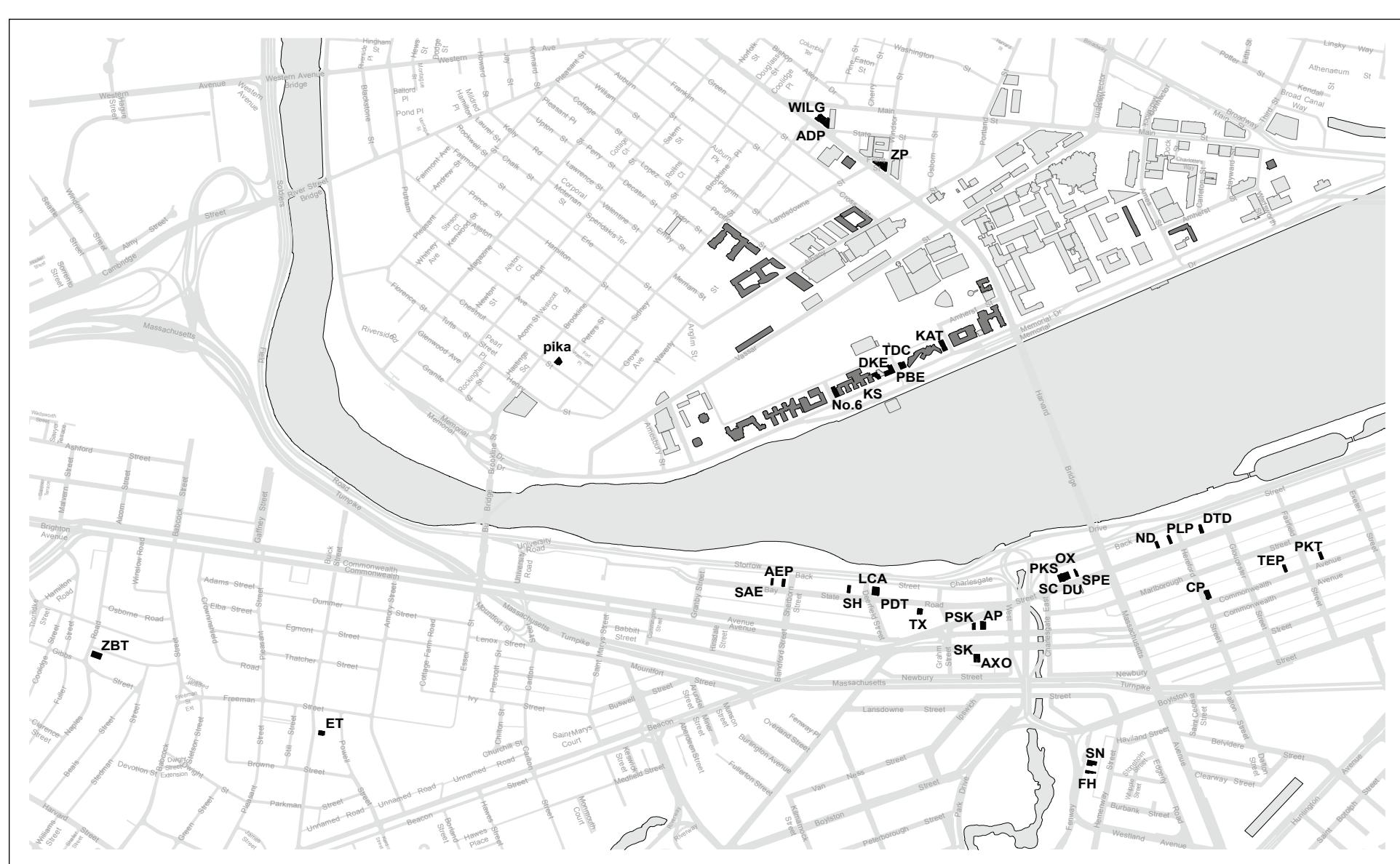
Introductory Outdoor Rock Climbing Class. No rock climbing experience necessary. Just bring a love of outdoors and a sense of adventure. Limited spots, advance sign up required.

Sign up during a house dinner before Thursday, 9/15!

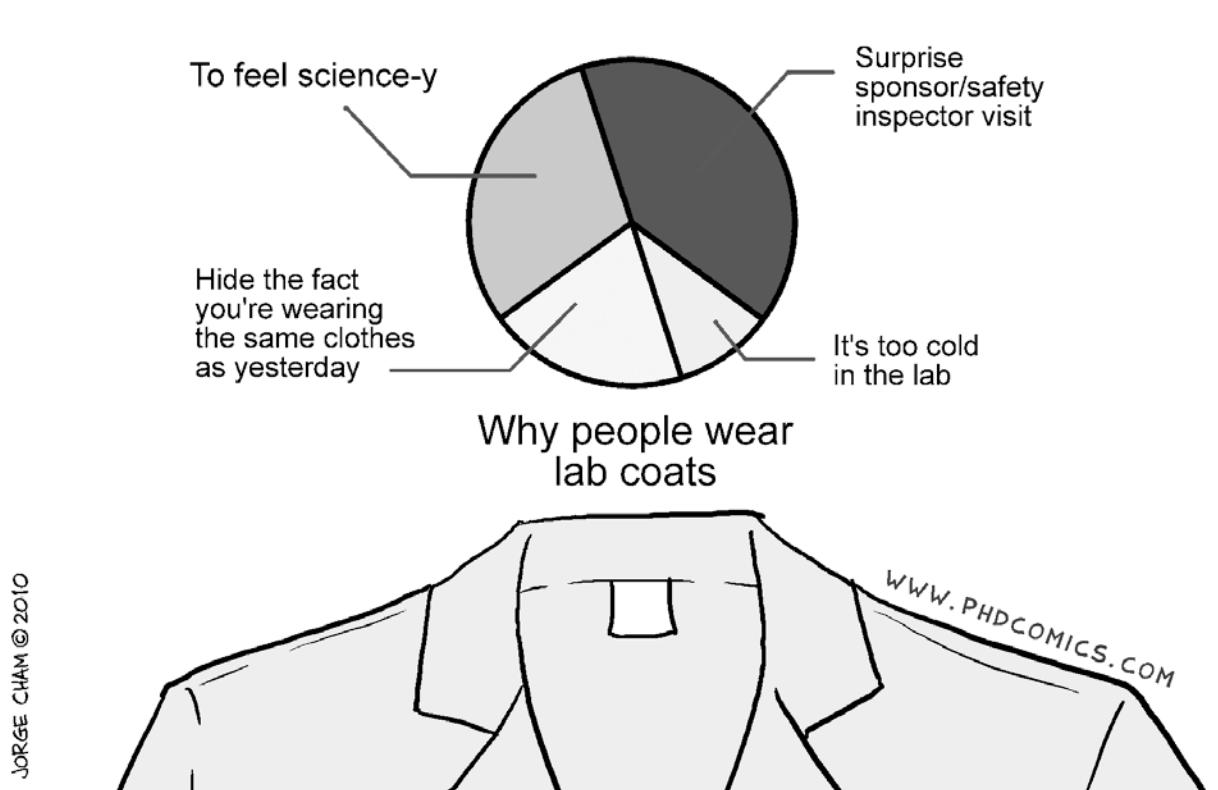
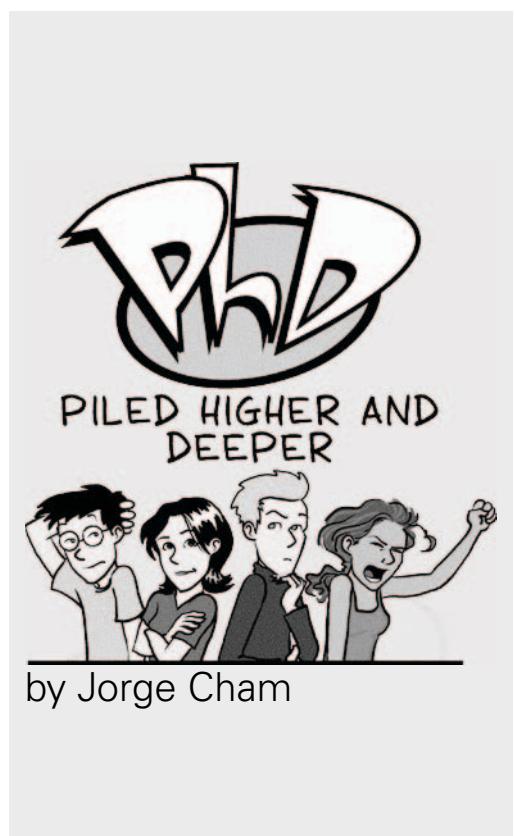
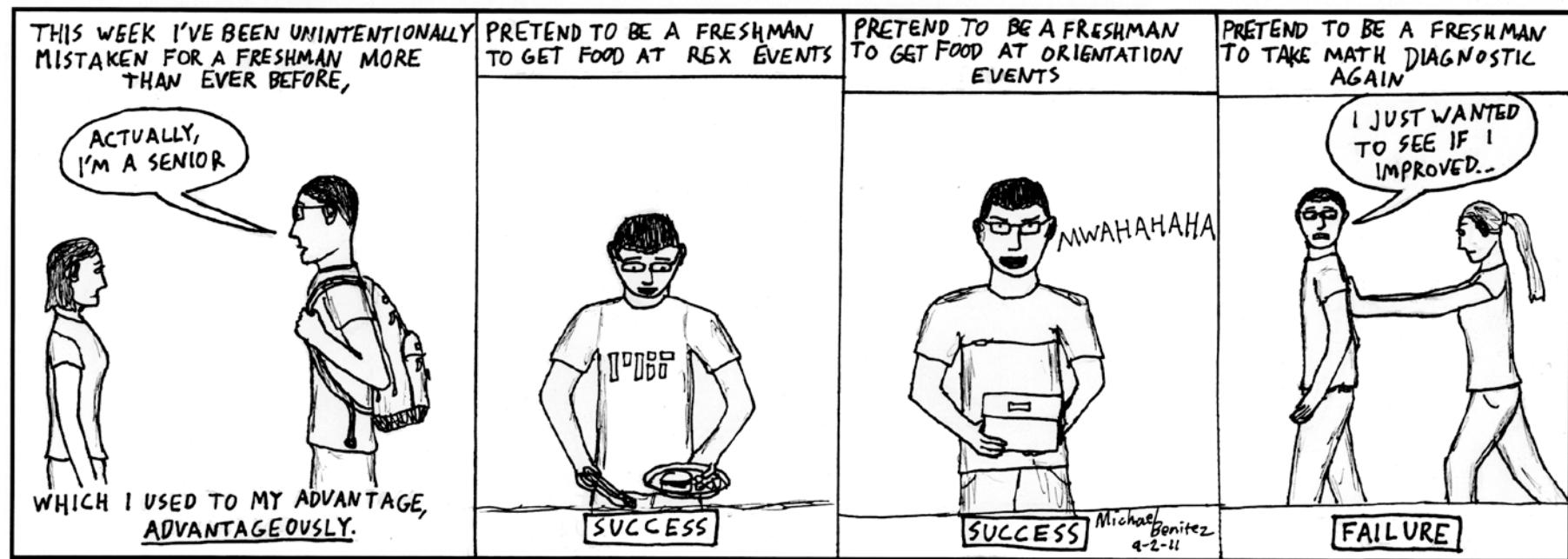
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7 PM — WILG

Homemade Pizza & Brownies. Join us for a delicious dinner at WILG, followed by warm, gooey brownies.



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Crossword Puzzle

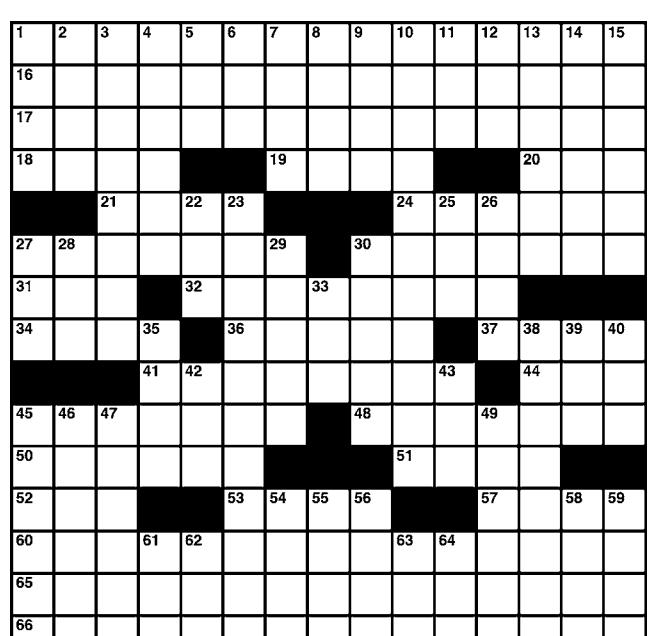
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ACROSS

- 1 Obsolete item
- 16 "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and others
- 17 Pet that's larger than a toy
- 18 Group originally named the Jolly Corks
- 19 Zaire's Mobutu Sese __
- 20 No longer serving: Abbr.
- 21 Bk. before Job
- 24 Themes
- 27 Try to bean, in baseball
- 30 Easing of tension
- 31 Roadside grazer
- 32 False show
- 34 Fountain beverage
- 36 Verdi aria that translates to "It was you"
- 37 Diamond stats
- 41 Hearty entrée
- 44 Caviar, say
- 45 Quantities possessing only magnitude
- 48 Veneration
- 50 Seat of Washington's Pierce County
- 51 1956 Mideast crisis site
- 52 Part of a loop
- 53 "Given that ..."
- 57 McAn of shoes
- 60 Tax service, familiarly
- 65 It may be awakened after a period of inattention

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DOWN	28 "Yoo-__!"
1 Tiptop	29 Alaska and La., once
2 Shadow	30 Remove pitch stains from
3 Hid out, with "down"	33 Spanish uncle
4 "Yea, verily"	35 Alice's chronicler



5 Actress Vardalos
6 Contracted, as an illness
7 Burden
8 Cab hauler
9 Serious trip
10 Some triangle sides
11 WWII zone
12 Kung __ chicken
13 Second man on the moon
14 Choose
15 Safari menace
22 Local govt. unit
23 Half-baked
25 They may end with 27-Down
26 Equal
27 Passes may result in them:
 Abbr.
28 "Yoo-__!"
29 Alaska and La., once
30 Remove pitch stains from
33 Spanish uncle
35 Alice's chronicler
38 Soviet leader who signed
 SALT I and II
39 Biennial games org.
40 Tennis unit
42 Descartes's conclusion
43 Nashville sch.
45 Connecting flights
46 Customs exemption for an
 auto
47 Customer ID
49 Czar known as "the Great"
54 Lose color
55 Narrow opening
56 Normandy river
58 York's river
59 "Miracle" 1969 World Series
 winners
61 Chariot ending?
62 "Self-Reliance" essayist's
 monogram
63 List-ending abbr.
64 Lab caretaker?

The Next War

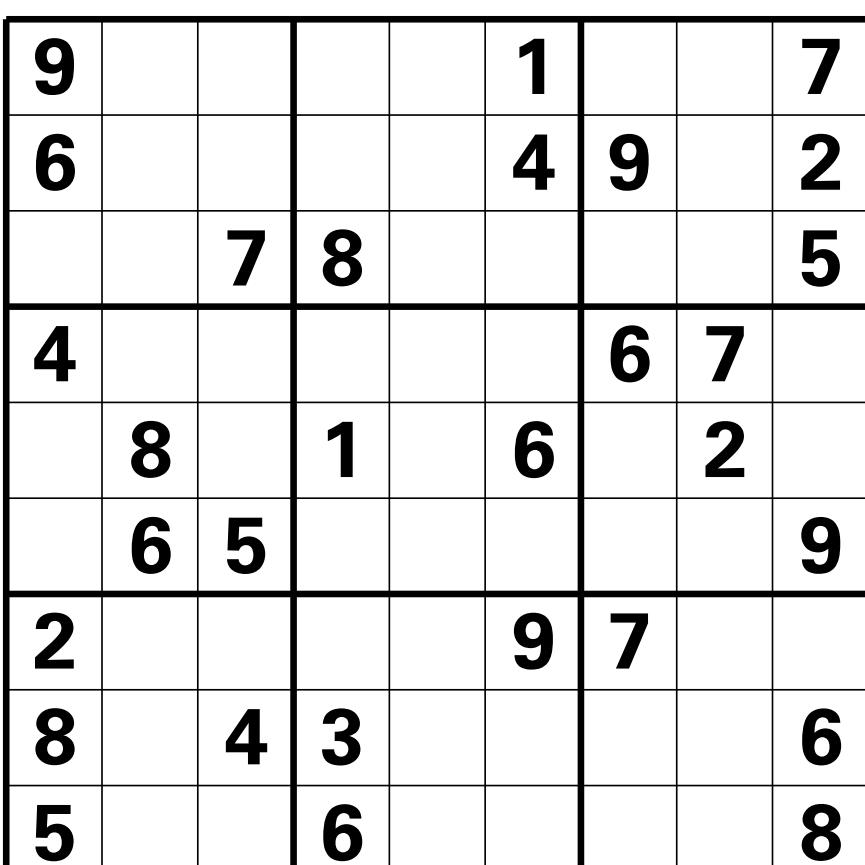


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Sudoku

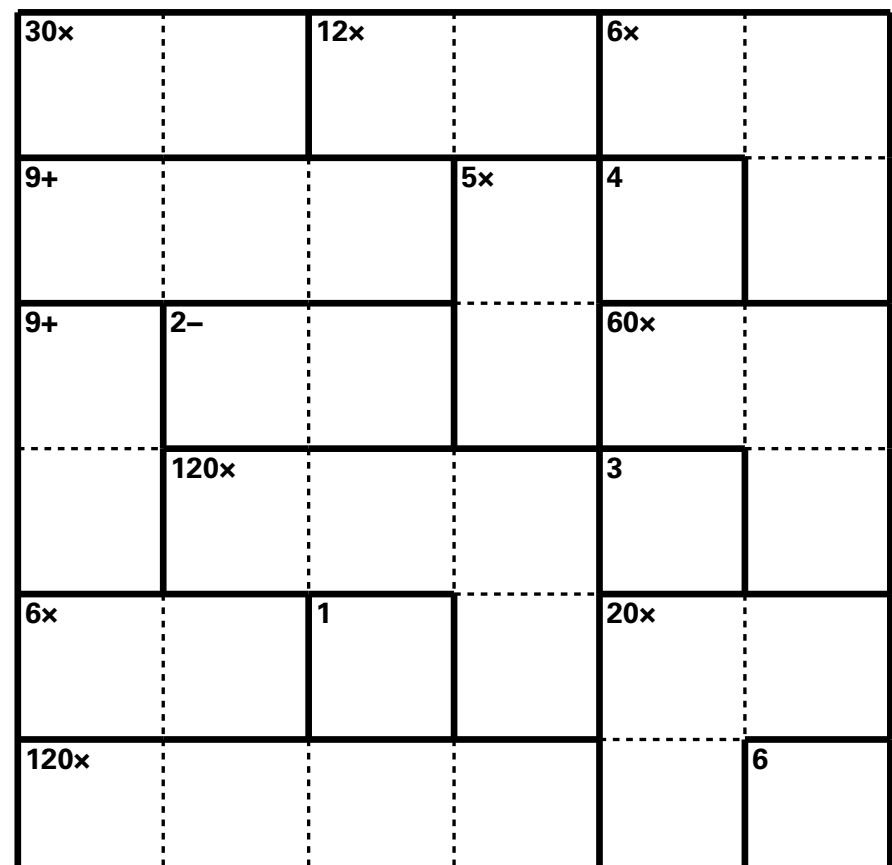
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.



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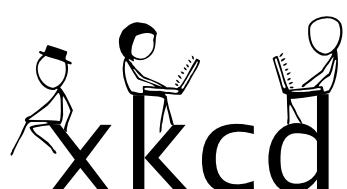
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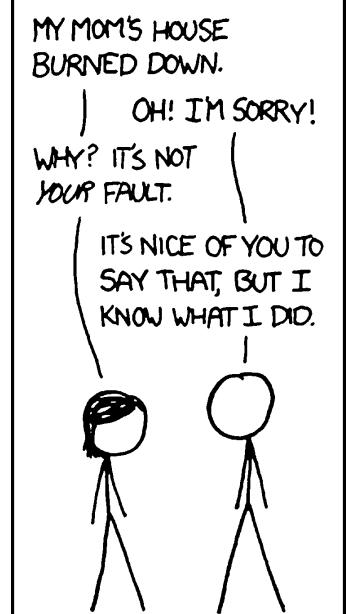


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[945] I'm Sorry



IT ANNOYS ME WHEN PEOPLE
INTERPRET AN OBVIOUSLY
SYMPATHETIC "I'M SORRY" AS
AN APOLOGY, SO I'VE STARTED
RESPONDING BY MAKING IT ONE.
You know I've always hated her.



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